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"RELEGATION DIDN'T EVEN COME UP IN CONVERSATION"

When West Ham United won promotion last season, Sam Baldock had a decision to make. But while many players would have sacrificed minutes on the pitch for the kudos of the Premier League, the striker was determined to make his mark as a leading light elsewhere. Eight months down the line, he reveals why life at Ashton Gate has offered a very different challenge...



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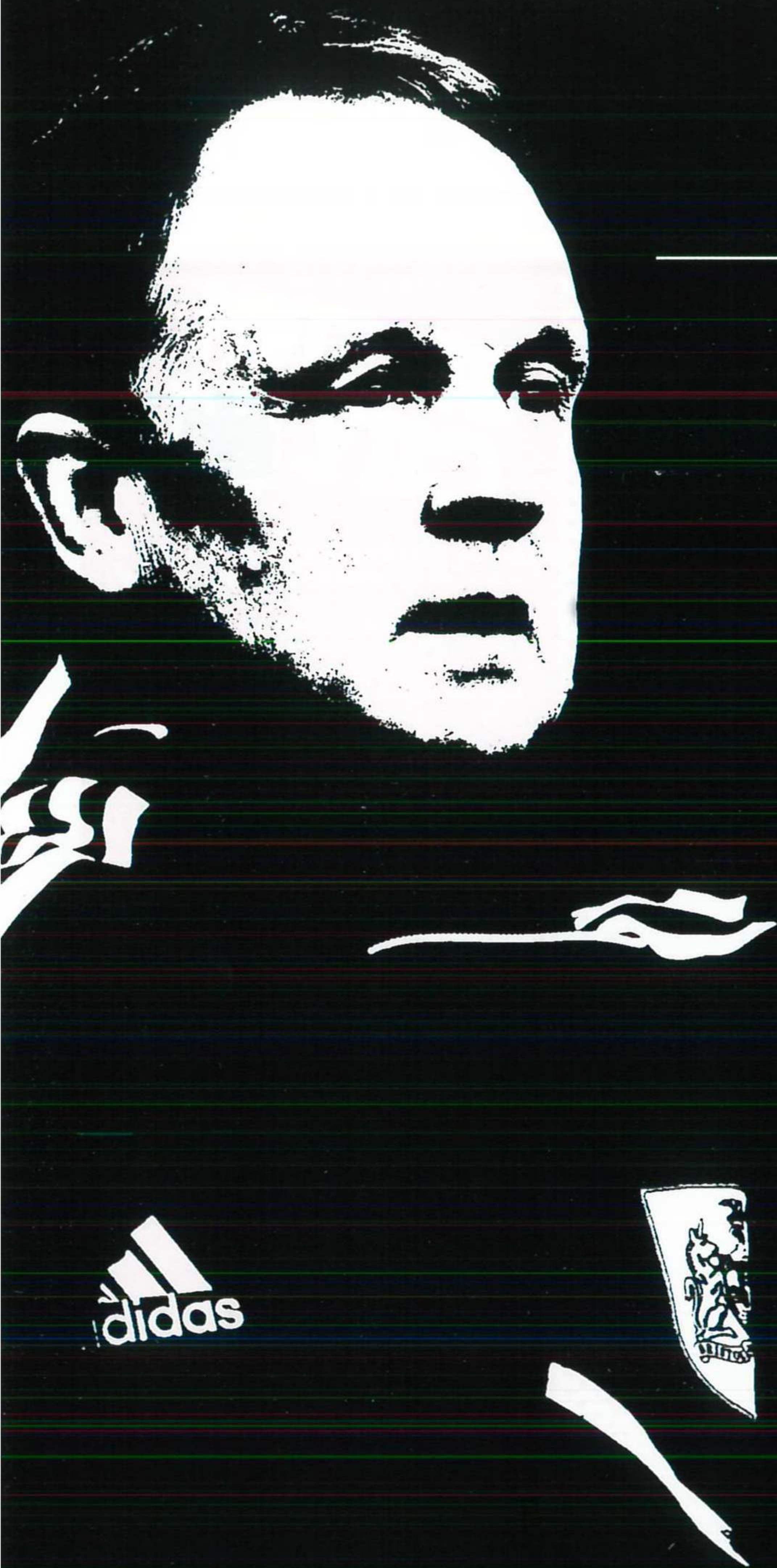
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Welcome to the players, staff and supporters of Bolton Wanderers FC for this afternoon's npower Championship fixture at Ashton Gate.

When I sat down with the Board to discuss the possibility of becoming Bristol City's manager in January, it was the club's clarity in knowing it needed to readdress its approach that persuaded me this was the right club for me.

Obviously remaining in the Championship this season was still the primary consideration. But there was also the acceptance the club couldn't continue in the way it has done for the past few years; throwing millions at hopeful solutions when the first team continued struggling at the wrong end of the division.

The facts speak for themselves. This club has lost millions each year for the last three years and yet we are staring at the very real prospect of playing in League One next season.

Especially with the rules on Financial Fair Play, there has to come a point where you have to be brave enough to admit your current strategy isn't working.

It's extremely tough for a football club, where there's relentless scrutiny and pressure on results and league position, to take a step back, look at the big picture, and say 'Stop'.

This club is at that point.

It was that acceptance and honesty, and the fact there was seemingly a sensible plan to back it up – whatever division we would find ourselves in – which attracted me to this club.

Nobody ever wants to be relegated; it's a really horrible experience for everybody.

But if you do find yourself in the position where relegation is a possibility, the only thing you can do is accept that reality and have a plan in place to deal with it should the worst happen. So many football clubs bury their heads in the sand and refuse to acknowledge they may be relegated, leaving themselves to pick up some enormous pieces if they are.

This club isn't in that position.

It's futile trying to point the finger of blame in any one direction for why the club finds itself in

the coach

its current predicament. There has to be collective responsibility taken, from Board, to the succession of management teams, to the players and staff. There also has to be a universal acknowledgement that everybody is prepared to learn from the mistakes that have been made and actually do something about it.

I know I'm the fourth manager since Gary Johnson you've probably heard saying the same things – so why should what I believe are the right things for this club mean I'm right?

I've consistently stressed my belief that behaviours are the only thing a person can be judged on. Say something and you must display the behaviours to back it up. I can only keep trying to communicate what I believe and you will make up your own minds whether we're successful, based on what we actually do.

As a football manager you accept you're largely judged on results. But you can't allow yourself to be swayed from what you believe is right long-term for the club, even if the short-term attracts criticisms.

I've always believed very strongly a club's structure should outlive any manager. Look at West Brom, Swansea City, Southampton; all clubs with clear identities and a way of doing things that goes beyond who stands in front of the Match of the Day cameras.

That's why I insisted on the Head Coach title when I arrived. In the financial climate clubs are in, they cannot allow themselves to be dictated to by the whims of a manager.

I believe it is right for clubs to have an Academy structure whereby your Under-21 coach is groomed as next in line to the Head Coach's job, the Under-18 coach for the Under-21s role, and so on.

The Under-21s should work closely with the first team so there's a clear pathway and understanding between the players and coaches. The Head Coach should be able to trust the Under-21 coach's judgement on whether a player is ready to step up or if the club should look to recruit from elsewhere, either permanent or loan.

That's the road we're going down.

With the club refocusing its recruitment on development age players, new Lead Scout, Keith Burt, is putting the club's scouting strategy in place, looking at how best to utilise resources to fulfil the club's aim.

There will be scope to bring in more experienced players, if it is believed a player will improve the overall squad dynamic, but they will become exceptions.

The club's football philosophy will be embedded in the notions of athleticism, intelligence, personality and technique, underpinned by the core values of understanding and responsibility, which we believe will enable the club to consistently produce attractive and successful football and give Bristol City FC a clear identity of which everyone can be proud.

In possession we want players to have options on the ball, confident they will choose the right option at the right time. We aim to encourage a free-thinking footballer, prepared to take responsibility in any game situation, whilst also embracing the team ethic.

Out of possession, can we recognise the opportunities to regain possession as quickly as possible or when we need to keep a compact shape and press in an organised and controlled manner? Our teams will be required to react positively, while demonstrating an ability to adapt to different situations and take responsibility for their actions.

These are the sorts of ideals we've introduced to the first team since we came in. I said then there would be no quick fix, no magic answer, and while I've been extremely pleased with the players' willingness to adapt and buy into something completely new, it still might not be enough to save us short-term. That doesn't make it wrong long-term.

Whenever you talk about developing players you inevitably have to accept there will be a period of transition. Patience and understanding will be required by everybody. But whatever division this club is in next year, the overarching philosophy has to endure.

Success must be judged in context. Football being football there will always be people who judge success purely in terms of league position – I can't change that. But hopefully the prospect of young players developing together as a team and playing attractive football is an incentive for people to really acknowledge where this club is at and what it's trying to do.

As we continue taking the first steps on the journey towards what we believe will be a rewarding and sustainable future for Bristol City FC, please keep supporting your local team.

Sean O'Driscoll

the big picture



Albert Adomah cannot believe another chance has slipped by after blazing his volley high into the Atyeo Stand. It would take Sam Baldock's last-gasp leveller to rescue City a point – the least they deserved against a dogged Sheffield Wednesday display.



ANDREW'S SPECIAL TRAINING DAY

Supporter Andrew Whitehead has enjoyed a day out watching his favourite football team train after an invitation from City head coach Sean O'Driscoll.

The 20-year-old Robins supporter has just overcome testicular cancer, and received a special letter and DVD message from the Ashton Gate boss during his chemotherapy.

Last week he spent all day with the players at their Failand training base, watching them put through their paces and rubbing shoulders with them over lunch.

He met his favourite player Albert Adomah, and club stalwart Louis Carey who is patron of the testicular cancer charity It's In The Bag.

Whitehead said: "I didn't know anything about it but my stepdad had written to Bristol City about my situation.

"Not all clubs or organisations will write back so, to not only receive a letter back from Sean O'Driscoll, but also a DVD message from the



players and management staff was tremendous."

Initially misdiagnosed, Whitehead was finally told he had testicular cancer in October 2012, when he was still 19. Two operations and four sessions of chemotherapy later, he has now been given the all clear.

"It's been tough," added Whitehead. "I had a solid tumour in my right testicle.

"To receive the video message from Bristol City was a real morale booster after my operation and made it easier to get through the chemo.

"Then to be able to come and meet the

players, it's amazing. I never thought it possible."

O'Driscoll said: "I think it's important to use the football club to help in whichever way possible.

"To send a letter back is nice, but I thought by sending a DVD, it's something for Andrew to treasure, to keep and hopefully to put a smile on his face.

"We were delighted to invite him to the training ground, to meet all the players and have lunch with them. We're delighted he's better."

Jon Stead has confirmed he will be running the Bristol 10k on May 5th. The striker, who is an ambassador for the Community Trust, will be raising funds for City's charity arm. Pick up a copy of *wellred* on Tuesday night to find out more.



CITY HEADING TO AFRICA

City are to embark on a pre-season tour to Botswana before the 2013/14 campaign after being invited to compete in a new three-team tournament.

Sean O'Driscoll will take his squad to the Southern African country in early July, where they will compete in the Botswana Friendship Cup and embark on community work.

The Friendship Cup will see City play two local sides; 11-time Botswana Premier League champions Township Rollers and Mochudi Centre Chiefs, who have claimed the title twice. Both games will take place in the National Stadium in the capital of Botswana, Gaborone.

Additionally it will offer City the chance to further strengthen their

community ties – one of the club's five key pillars – visiting schools and local villages in the African country.

Via the Bristol City Community Trust, a lot of hard work takes place in the city and surrounding areas. The chance to extend that into another continent is a major positive behind the tour.

Majority shareholder Steve Lansdown says: "It is a great honour for the club to be invited to participate in the inaugural Botswana Friendship Cup.

"The idea was muted some time ago and as you would expect there has been a lot of things to work out, but dates have been firmed up and, subject to finalising various agreements, the tournament will go ahead in July.

"Although one of the smaller African footballing nations, Botswana is fanatical about the game. Having qualified for the African Cup of Nations last year, the invitation for Bristol City to become the first British team to visit the country is another step in its progression.

"I have been going to Botswana for over five years now and it is wonderful place to visit. For the players, management and supporters who make the trip I can assure them they will have a great time and be made very welcome."

The club is currently investigating the possibility of providing supporters with a package option to follow the team in Botswana, with more details to follow.



SCOTTY ON HIS BIKE

City kitman and club legend Scott Murray is to take part in a special charity bike ride in July.

The popular Scotsman will be setting off on a 56-mile cycling trek - the Great Weston Ride - in aid of Prostate Cancer UK.

Murray has also persuaded by his close friend Nick Baines to saddle up and tackle the increasingly popular challenge alongside him on Sunday, July 21st.

The ride starts in Bristol, just around the corner from Ashton Gate, and takes riders on a route through the Mendips and across the Somerset Levels before finishing on the seafront in Weston-super-Mare.

Murray said: "My pal Nick did the Great Weston Ride last year and tells me it's a fantastic event and a great challenge, so in a moment of madness I said I'd join him this year."

For further information, visit greatwestonride.com.

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TRUST LINK UP WITH HOMELESS FA

This year sees the Trust take on a new and exciting project with the Homeless FA.

The Homeless FA is England's national homeless football charity, an organisation that looks to use football to give every person experiencing homelessness in England the opportunity to positively transform their lives.

Two members of the Bristol City Community Trust, development officer Vicky Barlow and coach educator Lee Veale, recently travelled to West Bromwich Albion's Hawthorns for a special training day.

Barlow said: "Having the opportunity to be involved with

this project is fantastic.

"It fits in with our charitable aims and objectives and will really demonstrate the power the club has to impact on lives.

"This project will not only benefit the 36 successful candidates that go through the programme, but hopefully also raise aspirations across the city and open routes for further development opportunities with this target group."

Bristol City will be one of eight clubs from the Barclays Premier League and npower Championship that hosts a five-day training centre, for both women and men, aged 18 and over.

Other clubs include: Arsenal, Brighton & Hove Albion, Derby

County, Hull City, Manchester United, Sunderland and West Bromwich Albion.

During the training centre, these passionate footballers will proudly wear the club colours of Bristol City, train with our community coaches, access stadium tours around Ashton Gate, watch a live Bristol City home game and also be put through an accredited qualification for sports leaders.

The programme is largely focused on leadership, interpersonal and organisational skills and improved physical health.

During the week, Bristol City Community Trust and Homeless FA staff will assess all participants. The top two male and female City

WALKING FOOTBALL PROVING A BIG SUCCESS

Since launching Walking Football for over-55s in January, the Community Trust project has gone from strength to strength.

After starting with just one participant on a cold Thursday morning, the session now has over 12 regular attendees.

The last two weeks have really put into perspective how far the group has come.

The sessions are programmed to run every week, excluding school

holidays. However, the group has taken it upon themselves to run the session during the last fortnight – not even needing the assistance of a coach and organising times amongst themselves.

A Walking Football participant said: "The sessions are fun and we've made some good friends out of it. It's an enjoyable game and you can see the reaction it's had by the number of us that keep coming back!"

The sessions run every Tuesday morning, between 11-12pm, in



the Community Park by coach Billy Downes. Participants are taken through various ball skills and



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players will then go on to represent England's national team at the Homeless World Cup.

This assessment will not only be carried out on technical abilities but mainly the improvement in personal development and those showing aptitude to move their lives forward.

For more information or to keep up to date with our training centre please keep an eye on our website at www.bristolcitycommunitytrust.org

match-play situations.

The session is available to males and females of all abilities. The only stipulation is it is for over-55s – and participants must walk whilst playing.

Sessions cost £2 a week and afterwards there is the opportunity to go into one of the stadium rooms to have a catch up, reminisce and enjoy a warm drink.

For more information please call the Community Trust on 0117 963 0636.

Today's mascots



Name
Calum Baker
Age
2
(Happy Birthday Calum)
Favourite player
Louis Carey



Name
Olly Alexander
Age
10
Favourite player
Paul Anderson



Name
Jade Louise Perrett
Age
11
Favourite player
Jon Stead



Name
Elliott Alexander
Age
8
Favourite player
Albert Adomah



Name
Katie Scollick
Age
10
Favourite player
Chris Eagles

Today's flagbearers

Our flagbearers at the start of the game are Just4Keepers, who run specialised weekly goalkeeper training sessions throughout the South West for boys and girls aged six and upwards. Weekly training is designed to meet goalkeepers' individual needs to help them become the best keeper they can be. Training is in a FUN environment... with NO PRESSURE on the goalkeepers!



Our flagbearers at half-time are FC Chippenham Under-8s, who play small-sided five-a-side football in the Wiltshire youth leagues. With a squad of 25 players, three teams play most weeks. The focus is very much on player development and enjoyment, and in these aspects 2012/13 has been a very successful season. The boys have a good grounding and, under the leadership of lead coach Simon Eden, look forward to seven-a-side football next season.



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An exclusive members club raising funds for Bristol City Community Trust

Good afternoon to all City Foundation Members.

Our next City Foundation Grand Prize Draw event will take place on Thursday, April 18th 2013, where we will be shortlisting seven lucky members to go forward to win a share of our biggest ever jackpot prize of £25,400.

By now you will have received your invitation to the event. If not, please call the City Foundation office direct as soon as possible.

Places will be limited so please contact us soon if you would like to reserve your place.

All City Foundation members will be included in the draw regardless of whether you attend on the night.

We would like to congratulate the following members, who during March won the guaranteed weekly jackpot and each picked up a cheque for £250.

Daniel Honour, Peter Cook, Steven Shadwell and Andrew Webber.

A huge congratulations goes to David Pearce, who was the lucky winner of the monthly rollover jackpot in March and picked up a cheque for £1,000. David was over the moon

with his win and will use some of his winnings to purchase a 2013/14 season ticket, when available.

Not only do all members have the chance to win guaranteed weekly cash and sponsor prizes, plus unique BCFC experiences, the additional benefits for our members are better than ever before.

Please call the office direct for more information or look out for Karen Riddiford, our new sales executive, who will be happy to answer any questions you have on a matchday.

With our link to Bristol City Community Trust, there is an ideal opportunity to redirect the money into the club's community work.

As a member of City Foundation, you can be certain that you will be playing your part in helping to fund this vital work.

For more information on City Foundation please contact Helen Hynam or Paige Fillingham on **0117 963 0617** or e-mail **helen.hynam@bcfc.co.uk**.

We hope you enjoy the game today and good luck in the big draw!

Helen Hynam



RACHEL SCOOPS £1,000 PRIZE!

Rachel Caswell was a lucky winner of the £1,000 prize – living proof it could be you by signing up to City Foundation today! Here's what Rachel had to say on her big win...

"I was genuinely shocked and jumping for joy, it's not every day you come home from work to open the post and get a cheque for £1,000 – makes a change from opening bills all the time! The first thing I did was tell all my Facebook buddies and BB Scott Murray!"

Well done Rachel!

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WEEK 50 WINNERS

£10 Winners Darren Shean, Jason Hall, Peter Streatfield, Richard Woolford, Peter Slowely, Steven Burfoot, Tim Lidbury, Brian Simpkins, Matt Turner, Edward Durston.

£250 Winner Mike Laney.

Hippodrome Voucher Martin Burridge.

£250 Rollover Jackpot No winner – Numbers drawn – 2, 8, 13, 25.

MATCHDAY DRAW WINNERS – SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY:

£500 - Ticket number 08267 - Jane Delaney from Henleaze - Ticket sold by Natalie.

BCFC Signed Football - 09063 - Chris Dando.

Miss Millie's Family Meal - 08282 - Steve Suchy.

Mystery prize - 34407 - To be claimed from Community Trust office.



£500 winner Jane Delaney from Henleaze

half-time quiz

Answers on page 49

WHO ARE YA?

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Can you name the three football personalities making up each face?

WORDSEARCH

Look for WANDERERS, WHITES, REEBOK STADIUM, FREEDMAN, DAWSON and EAGLES.

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QUICK FIRE FIVE

1. In which year did Bolton Wanderers move from Burnden Park to the Reebok Stadium?
2. Which Football League manager was sacked this week despite his side sitting in the play-off places?
3. Which striker signed for City days after Brian Tinnion left the club?
4. Which Premier League boss resigned on health grounds in June 2011?
5. Who was the only English representative in the World Cup 2002 FIFA All-Star team?





Emotions run high at the Gate

A sell-out crowd at Ashton Gate see a dominant City performance go unrewarded until the late, late show keeps Sean O'Driscoll's unbeaten home run intact. >>

Derby County 3 City 0

Hendrick 36, Ward 54, Davies 90

Venue Pride Park / **Date** Friday, March 29th 2013

Competition npower Championship / **Attendance** 23,483 (839) / **Referee** Carl Boyeson



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“It’s probably the first time away from home we’ve had as much possession as the home team, but it’s the first time I think we’ve looked disappointed. In this division, you’re going to be disappointed 60 or 70 per cent of the time – I’ve told the players it’s about how they handle that.”

Sean O’Driscoll



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City were unable to halt their away day jinx as a youthful Derby side ran out comfortable winners at Pride Park.

The hosts should have led as early as the third minute, but Jamie Ward’s weak penalty was smothered by Tom Heaton following Greg Cunningham’s trip on Jeff Hendrick as a nightmare start was averted.

But the Rams continued to press throughout the first half. After Cole Skuse’s early shot was deflected inches wide, City found themselves on the back foot as Ward, Craig Bryson and Paul Coutts all came close – the latter striking Heaton’s left-hand post.

The home side were eventually rewarded by Hendrick’s opener nine minutes before the interval, side-footing home from the edge of the box when a Derby corner was only half cleared.

Ward made amends for his spot-kick failure with a ruthless finish to kill off any hope of a City fightback on 54 minutes, before Bryson saw a shot cleared off the line and Conor Sammon blazed over from point-blank range.

Substitute Ben Davies completed the scoring in added time when his cross-cum-shot was inadvertently diverted into his own net by Brendan Moloney, while Liam Fontaine’s header forced a rare save from County stopper Frank Fielding, who was otherwise untroubled throughout.

City Heaton; Moloney, Nyatanga, Fontaine, Cunningham (Pearson 79); Skuse, Kilkeny, Elliott (Adomah 66), Anderson; Davies, Baldock. Subs not used: Gerken, Bates, J.Wilson, Kelly, Howard.

Derby Fielding; Freeman, Keogh, Buxton, Forsyth; Coutts, Bryson, Hendrick, Ward (Davies 69); Martin, Sammon. Subs not used: Legzdins, Doyle, Hoganson, Gjokaj, Jacobs, Bennett.



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CAPTIONS

1. Sam Baldock tries to force the ball home but Derby survive an early scramble.
2. Steven Davies, making his first return to Pride Park, protects the ball from former City defender Richard Keogh.
3. Jamie Ward lashes home the hosts’ second goal to give his side breathing space.
4. Greg Cunningham plays keepy-up under the watchful eye of fellow Irishman Conor Sammon.
5. Tom Heaton stoops to save Ward’s penalty inside the first three minutes.

City 1 Sheffield Wednesday 1

J. Johnson 36, Baldock 90

Venue Ashton Gate / **Date** Monday, April 1st 2013

Competition npower Championship / **Attendance** 19,148 (2,124) / **Referee** Darren Deadman



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“When I arrived I was told there were players here who didn’t care. But I’ve not seen that – not once. They’re committed and they’ve shown that again today. In the end I think we deserved more from the game, but we gambled a bit before half-time and got punished for the opener.”

Sean O’Driscoll



A sell-out crowd saw Sam Baldock rescue a last-gasp point against fellow strugglers Sheffield Wednesday at Ashton Gate.

The visitors opened the scoring against the run of play on 36 minutes when Jermaine Johnson robbed Liam Fontaine of possession and raced clear to round Tom Heaton and slide the ball into the empty net.

City had been dominant up to that point, with Lewin Nyatanga’s sauntering run into Wednesday territory only denied by a fine Chris Kirkland save, before the former England stopper kept out Steven Davies’ low shot with his legs.

Sean O’Driscoll’s side continued to press after falling behind, as Baldock’s low cross only eluded the sliding Davies by a matter of inches.

But it was the visitors who threatened to put the game to bed after the interval. Johnson wriggled between two challenges and shot just wide from an acute angle, before former City favourite Leroy Lita could only hit the sidenetting when one on one with Heaton.

The Robins twice saw penalty appeals turned down late on, most notably when Greg Cunningham was booked for diving, but Baldock had the final say, smashing home a loose ball on the half-volley to preserve O’Driscoll’s seven-match unbeaten run on home soil.

City Heaton; Moloney, Nyatanga, Fontaine, Cunningham; Kelly (Kilkenny 68), Skuse (Anderson 83), Elliott, Pearson (Adomah 68); Davies, Baldock. Subs not used: Gerken, Bates, Carey, Howard.

Sheff Wed Kirkland; Lee, Gardner, Llera, R.Johnson; J.Johnson (Lita 52), Coke (Semedo 77), Prutton, Pugh, Helan; Howard (Madine 63). Subs not used: Bywater, Taylor, Mattock, Maguire.



CAPTIONS

1. Sam Baldock reacts first to slam home the equaliser three minutes into stoppage time.
2. Kieran Lee mistimes his challenge on Greg Cunningham, but the City player is punished for going down too easily in the eyes of the referee.
3. Jermaine Johnson rounds Tom Heaton to give the visitors an unexpected lead.
4. Tempers are frayed when City are denied a spot-kick, and Baldock has to be restrained by Wednesday’s Danny Pugh.
5. Steven Davies slides in but cannot quite find the desired contact to convert Baldock’s teasing cross from close range.

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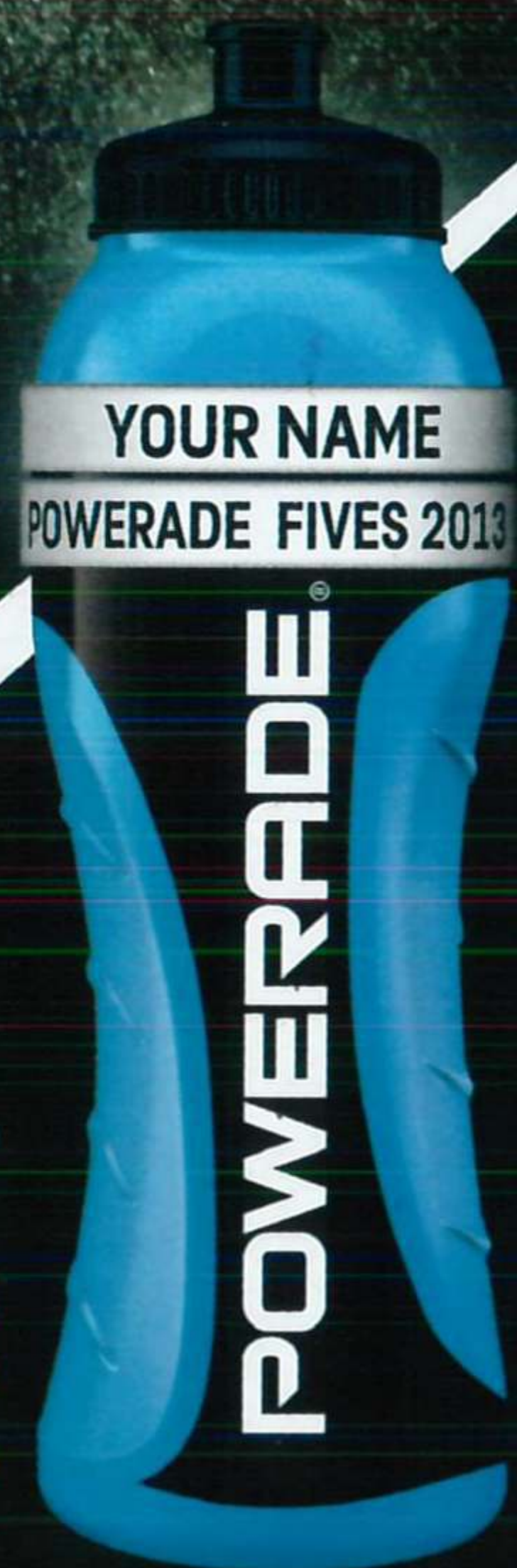
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to today's opposition



EAGLES HAS BOLTON FLYING

Premier League old boys Bolton have hit form at just the right time, with Chris Eagles a key man in Wanderers' play-off push.



Dougie Freedman's men have won seven of their last nine games, having spent the majority of the season in the bottom half of the npower Championship table.



match preview /

Last season League finish 18th in the Premier League **FA Cup** Quarter-finals
League Cup Fourth round **Top scorer** Ivan Klasnic, 9 goals
Player of the Year Adam Bogdan **Average attendance** 23,669



Wanderers on the march towards play-off spots

Bolton Wanderers fans would have hoped for an immediate return to the Premier League following their relegation last season, but things haven't gone exactly to plan at the Reebok Stadium.

Owen Coyle remained in charge for the start of the npower Championship campaign, but a run of just three wins in Bolton's opening ten games saw the board take action and sack the Scot.

In late October, Bolton agreed a compensation package with Crystal Palace for their manager Dougie Freedman. He got off to the perfect start, winning his first game against Cardiff City and remained unbeaten throughout his first month in charge.

Freedman has got the Trotters' promotion challenge back on track in recent weeks, helped by a five-game winning run through February and March.

However, two defeats either side of the international break followed against Ipswich Town and Charlton Athletic.

Bolton took a 2-0 lead at the Valley through Martin Sordell and Medo, but Chris Powell's side fought back, scoring just before the break. Following Sam Ricketts' dismissal for a second bookable offence, Charlton scored twice in just three minutes to complete an amazing turnaround. Craig Davies added to Bolton's woes in stoppage time, receiving his marching orders leaving the visitors with nine men at the final whistle.

The Trotters have bounced back with back-to-back victories against relegation-threatened Huddersfield Town and Wolverhampton Wanderers at home.

Top goalscorer Chris Eagles scored the only goal of the game against Huddersfield as Freedman's side kept their play-off hopes alive. Goals from David N'gog and Marcos Alonso in the opening ten minutes secured the victory of Dean Saunders' struggling Wolves. The result left the Trotters just two points off the play-offs with five games remaining.

After today, Bolton still face tough trips to Leicester City and Cardiff City so it remains to be seen whether they have left their play-off push too late.

Club profile

Formed 1874

Joined Football League 1888

Nickname
The Trotters

Ground
Reebok Stadium
(pictured, since 1997)



Capacity
28,723

Top flight best
3rd in 1891/92,
1920/21, 1924/25

Second tier best
Champions 1908/09,
1977/78, 1996/97

Third tier best
Champions 1972/73

Fourth tier best
3rd in 1987/88

Best FA Cup
Winners 1923,
1926, 1929, 1958

Best League Cup
Runners-up 1995, 2004

Other honours
Charity Shield 1958
Sherpa Van Trophy 1989
Division One play-off
winners 1994/95, 2000/01
Lancashire Cup (12 times)

Record signing
£8.2m for Johan Elmander
(Toulouse, 2008)

Record sale
£15m for Nicolas Anelka
(Chelsea, 2008)

the squad

GOALKEEPERS



1
ADAM BOGDAN
A 25 / C 73/0 / I 13/0
Hungarian international whose fine form in the second half of last season was rewarded with the Bolton Player of the Year award.



24
ANDREW LONERGAN
A 29 / C 9/0
Second-choice stopper who has featured nine times this season after joining from Leeds last summer. Played over 200 games for Preston.



26
ROB LAINTON
A 23 / C 0/0
Young keeper who has been named in first team squads but never as a starter. Joined Bolton's Academy system at the age of 14.



34
JAY LYNCH
A 20 / C 0/0
Signed from Manchester United's youth setup and named on the bench at Old Trafford last season. Lists Pepe Reina as his role model.



2
TYRONE MEARS
A 30 / C 29/0 / I 1/0
Attack-minded right-back signed from Burnley in 2011. Played seven games on loan for Marseille from former club Derby in 2008/09.

DEFENDERS



5
TIM REAM
A 25 / C 31/0 / I 8/0
USA international centre-back signed from New York Red Bulls in January last year. Has not featured since the beginning of February.



12
ZAT KNIGHT
A 32 / C 151/2 / I 2/0
Towering presence at the back who joined from Aston Villa having started at Fulham. Twice capped by England on a summer tour in 2005.



15
CRAIG DAWSON
A 22 / C 12/4
Talented defender who has made a big impression since arriving on loan from West Brom. Regular starter for England Under-21s.



18
SAMUEL RICKETTS
A 31 / C 109/1 / I 48/0
Versatile full-back who started at Oxford and worked his way up through non-league football. Closing in on 50 caps for Wales.



23
JOE RILEY
A 21 / C 9/0
Promising right-back who signed a long-term contract with the club last year. Made his Premier League debut in a 5-0 win over Stoke.



31
DAVID WHEATER
A 26 / C 44/3
Uncompromising figure who made his name in the top flight with Middlesbrough. Won the FA Youth Cup alongside Matthew Bates in 2004.

DEFENDERS



7
CHRIS EAGLES
A 27 / C 83/15
Exciting winger and Bolton's top scorer with nine goals. Twice a Championship play-off winner in the past with Watford and Burnley.



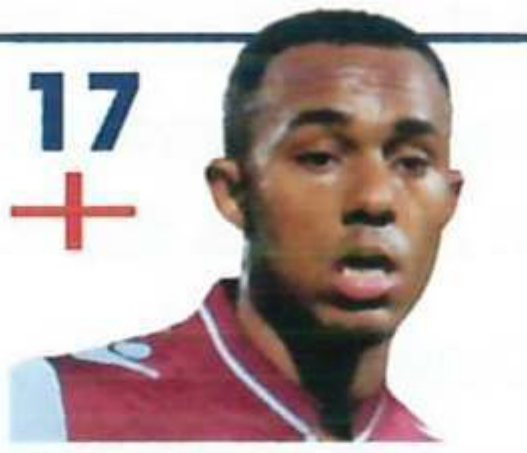
8
KEITH ANDREWS
A 32 / C 27/4 / I 35/3
Irish international with an eye for goal from distance. Started every game for his country at Euro 2012 but was sent off against Italy.



11
GREGG WYLDE
A 22 / C 0/0
Scottish Under-21 international winger signed from Rangers amidst the club's financial meltdown. Yet to feature in a Bolton shirt.



16
MARK DAVIES
A 25 / C 130/13
Creative midfielder who carries the ball well in central areas. Joined from Wolves in 2009 having represented England at youth level.



17
ROBERT HALL
A 19 / C 0/0
One of the latest talents to come through the West Ham production line. On loan from Upton Park after a spell with Birmingham.



20
JAY SPEARING
A 24 / C 38/2
Tenacious Liverpoolian on a season-long loan from Anfield. Scored his first Bolton goal in the corresponding fixture back in October.

MIDFIELDERS



9
DAVID NGOG
A 24 / C 70/11
Ex-France Under-21 international signed for £4m from Liverpool in 2011. Struggled to settle in England but currently enjoying his best season.



14
KEVIN DAVIES
A 36 / C 407/84 / I 1/0
Veteran target man in his tenth season at the Reebok. Became the oldest England debutant since 1950 against Montenegro in 2010, aged 33.



19
MARVIN SORDELL
A 22 / C 25/7
Lively forward whose impressive displays for Watford saw him seal a Premier League move last year. Represented Team GB at London 2012.



28
CRAIG DAVIES
A 27 / C 13/2 / I 6/0
Powerful ex-Chesterfield frontman who joined Bolton for £300k from Barnsley in January. Started only three games for his new club.



38
OLUWASANMI ODELUSI
A 19 / C 1/0
London-born striker who spent time on the books of QPR and Reading at youth level. Came off the bench for his debut a fortnight ago.

FORWARDS

3
ES**MARCOS ALONSO****A 22 / C 41/5**

Tall left-back who came through the ranks at Real Madrid. His father Marcos Alonso Pena was a winger capped 22 times by Spain.

4
+**MATT MILLS****A 26 / C 18/1**

Big money summer signing from Leicester, who previously parted with a club record £5.5m to lure him away from Reading in 2011.

**ONES TO WATCH****Craig Dawson**

Central defender Dawson has proved to be an inspired addition since signing on loan from West Bromwich Albion in January. Influential at both ends of the pitch, the England Under-21 international has helped Wanderers keep an impressive five successive clean sheets on home soil, while also popping up with four goals in three games to help secure maximum points against Hull, Peterborough and Barnsley. Born in Rochdale, Dawson began his career playing non-league football for Radcliffe Borough before joining his hometown club in 2009. The following year, after 36 consecutive seasons in the fourth tier, Rochdale finally won promotion to League One and sold their prized asset to Albion, loaning him back for the 2010/11 campaign as part of the deal.

36
IO**CIAN BOLGER****A 21 / C 0/0**

Irish centre-back signed from Leicester who sent him on loan to Bristol Rovers on three separate occasions, including earlier this season.

43
+**DANNY BUTTERFIELD****A 33 / C 3/0**

Vastly experienced defender with over 400 league appearances to his name. On loan from Southampton after back-to-back promotions.

David Ngog

A very highly-rated youngster, Ngog came through the ranks at Paris Saint-Germain in his homeland before Rafael Benitez brought him to England as Liverpool manager in 2008. Still only 19 years of age, the Frenchman struggled to impose himself on the Premier League, and was never more than a bit-part player in three seasons at Anfield. After flashes of promise saw him score in the Premier League against Manchester United and Arsenal, as well as eight times in 14 starts in European competition, Ngog was handed the chance by Bolton to cement his place as a top flight starter. A season of frustration followed as his new club were relegated, but the striker is finally beginning to show signs of his potential with seven goals to his name this term.

21
+**DARREN PRATLEY****A 27 / C 62/3**

Tall midfielder who left Swansea the year the Welsh club won the play-offs. Struggled to reproduce his goalscoring exploits since.

25
+**JOSHUA VELA****A 19 / C 8/0**

Exciting Academy product whose only senior start was cut short by injury after just seven minutes against Crawley in the Capital One Cup.

27
KR**CHUNG-YONG LEE****A 24 / C 117/14 / I 44/5**

Skilful South Korean winger who won Bolton's Player of the Year award in his debut season in 2009/10. Scored twice at the last World Cup.

29
SR**JAN GREGUS****A 22 / C 0/0**

Slovakian former Under-21 international signed on loan in January as a member of Bolton's development squad, scoring on his debut.

44
=**MEDO KAMARA****A 25 / C 7/1 / I 8/1**

Defensive midfielder signed in January from Partizan Belgrade. Scored his first goal for his new club in the recent 3-2 defeat at Charlton.

**STAR MAN****Chris Eagles**

An FA Youth Cup winner alongside City keeper Tom Heaton a decade ago, former Manchester United winger Eagles went on to feature 17 times for the first team in between a succession of loan spells. He eventually departed Old Trafford for good in 2008 to join up with then-Burnley manager Owen Coyle for the first time, who would have a major influence on his career. In his debut season at Turf Moor, Eagles helped fire the Clarets to the Premier League via the play-offs, but it would prove a short-lived adventure and Coyle departed for Bolton before their relegation was confirmed. After one season back in the Championship, Eagles rejoined his former boss in the Premier League – temporarily at least – and continues to shine under the stewardship of Dougie Freedman.



scouting report with Mark Perrow

Bolton Wanderers 2 Wolverhampton Wanderers 0

Ngog 3, Alonso 10

Venue Reebok Stadium / **Date** Saturday, April 6th 2013

Competition npower Championship

KEY ▲ ■ ● SUBSTITUTE ■ BOOKING

Line-up

- 1 Bogdan
- 18 Ricketts
- 12 Knight
- 15 Dawson
- 3 Alonso
- 7 Eagles
- 20 Spearing ■
- 44 Medo
- 27 C. Y. Lee
- 9 Ngog ■
- 19 Sordell ■▲

Subs

- 24 Lonergan
- 5 Ream
- 14 K. Davies
- 17 Hall
- 21 Pratley
- 28 C. Davies ▲
- 43 Butterfield ■

Recent results

2.4.13 / Championship

Bolton Wanderers 1 Eagles
Huddersfield Town 0

30.3.13 / Championship

Charlton Athletic 3
Bolton Wanderers 2
Sordell, Medo

16.3.13 / Championship

Ipswich Town 1
Bolton Wanderers 0

9.3.13 / Championship

Bolton Wanderers 1 Alonso
Brighton & Hove A. 0

Centre-backs **Knight** and **Dawson** are dominant in the air, and will lap up any long balls with ease. Both are also a threat from set-pieces at the other end – particularly **Dawson**, who scored 22 goals in two seasons for Rochdale.



Full-backs **Ricketts** and **Alonso** will look to join in the attack at every opportunity. Midfielders **Spearing** and **Medo** are naturally defensive and can cover their overlapping forays as Bolton look to create two v one situations down the flanks.

Many Championship teams play with a trio of central midfielders, but **Spearing** and **Medo** have the energy to contribute both defensively and going forward. With both wingers well advanced, the pair will primarily sit deep to protect the back four.

Both wingers **Eagles** and **Lee** are excellent ball carriers who will not be restricted to their respective touchlines. **Eagles** in particular will have freedom to occupy the space 'in the hole' behind the strikers.

Dougie Freedman has a number of powerful striking options to choose from, but **Ngog** and **Sordell** both offer a threat in behind defences with their pace. The two **Davies** on the bench are more physical options as recognised target men.

the gaffer /

Dougie Freedman



Dougie Freedman will be looking to avoid the same outcome as when he visited Ashton Gate as Crystal Palace manager earlier this season.

Goals from Ryan Taylor, Martyn Woolford, Jon Stead and Albert Adomah helped City to a 4-1 victory over the Eagles, which secured the Robins' first win of the 2012/13 campaign.

After a poor start to the season, Palace's form picked up under Freedman and a nine-game unbeaten run propelled them into the play-off places.

The impressive run caught the eye of the Bolton board as they looked to replace Owen Coyle – fired following a poor start to the season.

In late October, Freedman left Selhurst Park and became the man to lead Bolton's promotion bid.

The former striker played for six different Football League clubs, scoring 160 goals in 524 appearances. Having progressed through the ranks at Queens Park Rangers, the Scot signed for Barnet in 1994, where he made his professional debut.

Freedman attracted interest from other clubs after scoring 27 goals in his first season at Underhill. He eventually joined Palace and helped them reach the Premier League following victory over Sheffield United in the play-off final.

Freedman made just seven appearances

in the top flight and left in search of more regular football.

Short spells at Wolves and Nottingham Forest followed but in 2000 he returned for his second spell at Selhurst Park with the team back in the Championship.

Once again he helped the Eagles win promotion to the Premier League, defeating West Ham 1-0 in the play-off final at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium.

At the end of the 2007/08 campaign Freedman was awarded a testimonial, before seeing out his playing career at Southend United as a player-coach.

After retiring in 2010, Freedman wasted no time in getting back into football and became assistant manager to both Paul Hart and then George Burley at Palace. When the latter was sacked on New Year's Day 2011, the Scot was placed in caretaker charge as the board looked for the right man to steer the Eagles away from the Championship drop zone.

After one win and a defeat in temporary charge, Freedman was given job on a permanent basis and successfully guided the Eagles to safety despite major financial troubles.

In his only full season in charge at Selhurst Park, Palace reached the League Cup semi-final – defeating Manchester United at Old Trafford along the way.



Playing Career

Position Striker

1994-1995 / Barnet

57 apps, 32 goals

1995-1997 / Crystal Palace ▲

106 apps, 36 goals

1997 / Wolves (loan)

2 apps, 2 goals

1997-1998 / Wolves

34 apps, 11 goals

1998-2000 /

Nottingham Forest R ▼

83 apps, 23 goals

2000-2008 / Crystal Palace ▲ ▼

265 apps, 74 goals

2008 / Leeds United (loan)

14 apps, 6 goals

2008-2010 / Southend United

41 apps, 6 goals

Total

602 apps, 190 goals

Managerial Career

Crystal Palace

Jan 2011 – Oct 2012

Bolton Wanderers

Oct 2012 – present

P31 W13 D10 L8

Win Percentage **42%**

classic matches /

Bristol City v Bolton Wanderers

City 3 Bolton 0

May 24th 1986
Freight Rover
Trophy final
Wembley
54,502



City mark their first ever Wembley appearance in style, putting Bolton to the sword in a one-sided final at the national stadium. Terry Cooper's Robins had finished ninth in the Third Division, while divisional rivals Wanderers only escaped the drop by seven points, so it was no great surprise when Glyn Riley struck the opener in timely fashion. With just one minute of the first half still to play, defender Keith Curle's high ball into the penalty area was punched out by Bolton keeper Simon Farnworth only as far as Glyn Riley, who rifled the loose ball into the vacated net. The red shirts continued to dominate after the interval, doubling their lead when Howard Pritchard followed up Steve Neville's shot, before Riley put the seal on a memorable day five minutes from time, heading home Neville's cross at the end of a fine counter-attacking move.

Bolton 1 City 2

August 19th 1978
First Division
Burnden Park
21,355

Having survived their first two seasons back in the top flight, City boss Alan Dicks vowed to adopt a more expansive approach to help bring success in 1978/79. The first test of this would be at Burnden Park on the opening day against Second Division champions Bolton, who storm into a first-half lead

courtesy of Alan Gowling's 32nd minute opener. But new-look City are a transformed outfit after the break and silence the locals through Jimmy Mann, whose first and only goal of the campaign is a 25-yard drive to remember. With the Robins pouring forward in search of a winner, Tom Ritchie provides a moment of magic four minutes from time, dribbling past three defenders before calmly slotting home to get City off to a flier.

Bolton 2 City 2

March 26th 1994
Division One
Burnden Park
10,221

Side by side in mid-table, City and Bolton play out an entertaining draw in the latter stages of the season. With little pressure on promotion or relegation, both sides play with freedom and the visitors strike first through Wayne Allison's brave diving header. But Russell Osman's men are punished for sloppy defending as David Lee levels things up eight minutes later, before future Wanderers boss Owen Coyle turns the game on its head on the stroke of half-time. City are in need of inspiration in the second period and Allison provides it with his third goal in two games, picking up possession inside his own half and finishing a 50-yard solo run with an exquisite shot.



head to head



Stat Pack

MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Sean O'Driscoll

Played 15 Won 5 Drawn 3 Lost 7
For 18 Against 20
Av Pts/game 1.20
Biggest Win(s) Bristol City 5 Barnsley
3 (23/02/2013). Biggest Loss(es)
Derby 3 Bristol City 0 (29/03/2013).

Dougie Freedman

Played 29 Won 12 Drawn 9 Lost 8
For 42 Against 33
Av Pts/game 1.55
Biggest Win(s) Bolton 4 Hull 1
(23/02/2013). Biggest Loss(es)
Peterboro 5 Bolton 4 (22/12/2012).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played...2 Sean O'Driscoll0 Dougie Freedman0
Draws ...2 Goals 1 Goals 1

Player with the most... shots

Steven
Davies 61

shots on target

Steven
Davies 30

shots off target

Steven
Davies 31

assists

Albert
Adomah 9

crosses

Albert
Adomah 37

fouls

Liam
Fontaine 37

free-kicks-won

Albert
Adomah 46



GAMES SINCE

4	a win	0
1	a home win	0
11	an away win	2
0	a defeat	2
7	a home defeat	7
0	an away defeat	0
1	a score draw	9
5	a no score draw	14
0	conceding a goal	2
0	scoring a goal	0
0	conceding > 1	2
4	scoring > 1	0
4	keeping a clean sheet	0
2	failing to score	3
12	back to back wins	0
2	back to back defeats	2
1	gaining a point	0
0	losing a point	2
4	win by > one	0
0	loss by > one	40

Player with the most... shots

Chris
Eagles 132

shots on target

Chris
Eagles 75

shots off target

Chris
Eagles 57

assists

Chris
Eagles 10

crosses

Chris
Eagles 81

fouls

Kevin
Davies 70

free-kicks-won

Chris
Eagles 62

SHARP SHOOTERS

Bristol City	FL Cup	Tot	Bolton	FL Cup	Tot
Steven Davies	12	0 12	Chris Eagles	9	0 9
Sam Baldock	10	0 10	David Ngog	7	0 7
Albert Adomah	7	0 7	Marvin Sordell	3	4 7

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played...51 Bristol City wins22 Bolton wins15
Draws14 Goals 78 (1.5 per game) Goals 59 (1.2 per game)
0-0's2 Times failed to score 10 Times failed to score 12

Biggest League win at Bristol City for each team:
20/12/1986 & 11/11/1978 Bristol City 4-1 Bolton
03/09/1904 Bristol City 3-4 Bolton

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LEAGUE STATS



24	Position	8
41	Played	41
11	Won	16
7	Drawn	12
23	Lost	13
56	Goals For	60
74	Goals Against	53
40	Points	60



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
6	2	13	19	7	6	6	9

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
5	5	10	24	9	6	7	7

Record When Scoring First

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
9	3	4	23	12	5	5	10

Record When Conceding First

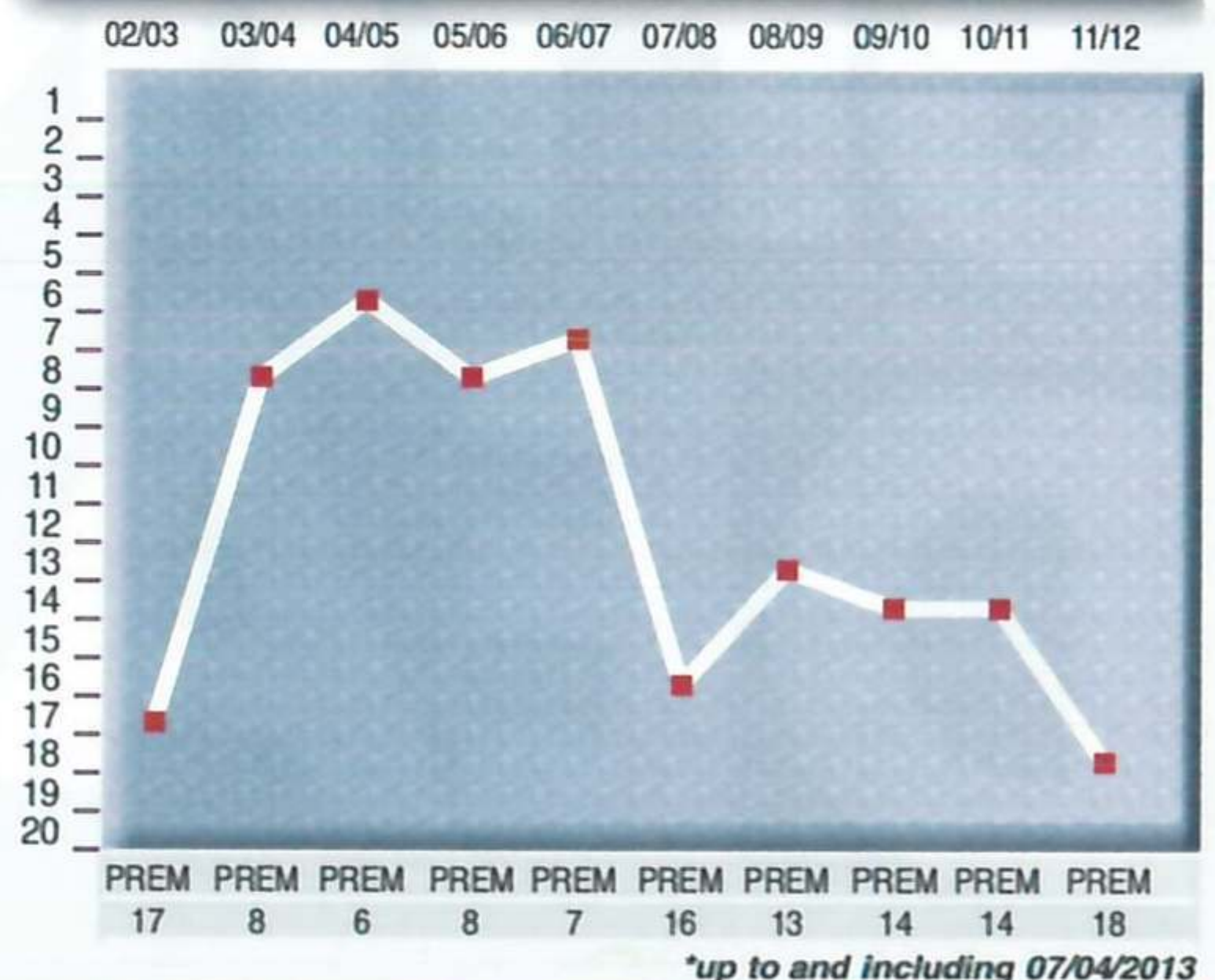
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
2	2	19	19	4	5	8	4

Match Scores

Wins: 2-0[3], 2-1[2], 3-1[1], 3-2[1], 4-1[1], 4-2[2], 5-3[1], Losses: 0-1[4], 0-2[6], 0-3[1], 0-4[1], 1-2[5], 1-3[1], 1-4[1], 2-3[2], 3-4[1], 3-5[1], Draws: 0-0[2], 1-1[4], 2-2[1]

Wins: 1-0[4], 2-0[3], 2-1[5], 3-1[1], 3-2[2], 4-1[1], Losses: 0-1[4], 0-2[1], 1-2[5], 1-3[1], 2-3[1], 4-5[1], Draws: 0-0[2], 1-1[5], 2-2[5]

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Sam Baldock

**“RELEGATION
DIDN'T EVEN
COME UP IN
CONVERSATION”**

When West Ham United won promotion last season, Sam Baldock had a decision to make. But while many players would have sacrificed minutes on the pitch for the kudos of the Premier League, the striker was determined to make his mark as a leading light elsewhere. Eight months down the line, he reveals why life at Ashton Gate has offered a very different challenge...

Words: **Mark Perrow**





W When Sam Baldock set foot on the Ashton

Gate pitch for the first time, the wave of excitement to greet his arrival suggested City's flirtation with the npower Championship drop zone could finally be laid to rest.

After a summer of speculation linking the West Ham United striker with a move along the M4, Derek McInnes finally got his man on the night of his side's first home game of the new league season.

With City 2-0 up against Crystal Palace – now seemingly guaranteed at least a play-off spot – the home fans were treated to a half-time show to remember when the new man made a surprise appearance decked in his new colours.

City went on to win the match 4-1, and the notion that a corner had been turned appeared more evident when rivals Cardiff City were brushed aside four days later.

This time Baldock came off the bench for his debut and scored the fourth goal in a 4-2 victory over the champions elect.

Ashton Gate had its mojo back, and the ensuing eight months of struggle was impossible to predict – least of all for the new marquee signing.

“The way the season started and the way everyone was around

the place, relegation didn't even come up in conversation when I was thinking about joining,” Baldock told **wellred**.

“Having had two seasons of being at the bottom, this season felt like we were going to kick on – but it hasn't worked out like that.

“I still think we have got players of Championship quality and a few that could play even at a higher level than that.”

But it was not just for McInnes and his team that problems began to unravel. Baldock was troubled by a calf strain which coincided with the departure of the man who brought him to the West Country, and the arrival of his successor, Sean O'Driscoll.

His primary reason for putting pen to paper on a three-year deal – the opportunity to play week in, week out – was not materialising.

“The manager at the time persuaded me to come,” Baldock continued. “He said I was going to play every week and that was the clinching factor because I had gone through a season where I didn't start as many games as I would have liked.

“This whole campaign has been very frustrating. I've not missed many games but the injuries have come at important periods.

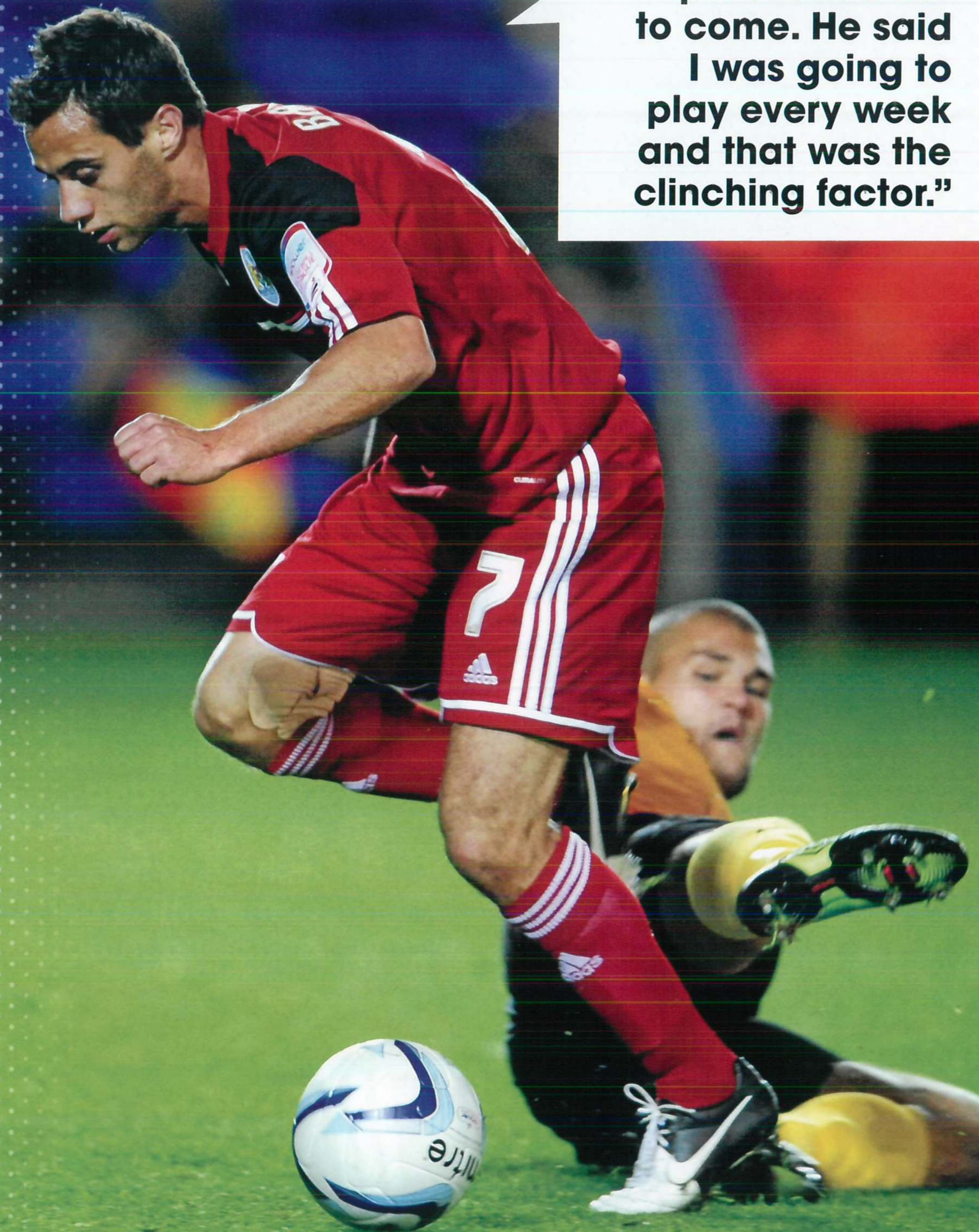
“I was injured for Derek McInnes' last few games in charge and then at the start of the new head coach's regime too.



Did you know?

Seven of Sam's ten goals in a City shirt have come against Peterborough United and Sheffield Wednesday this season.

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Did you know?

Sam scored twice on his West Ham debut, including the winner in a 3-2 victory over Leicester City at Upton Park in October 2011.

"After a few games I got myself back fit but then suffered another setback. I obviously would've liked to play every game but it's just the way football works sometimes."

When he has played, Baldock has, by the standards of a struggling team, produced the goods. City's second-highest scorer with ten goals from only 18 starts, it may come as a surprise to hear the diminutive forward is unhappy with his own contribution.

"I don't think I've had a particularly good season," he confessed. "If you asked anyone in the squad, there won't be many who will remember this campaign fondly.

"I'm disappointed with myself and I think it's been a consistency issue – playing one game well, then not so well in the next game and then playing in a different position in the next.

"We never really had a spell of starts together either as a team or as a settled strike force, when you know who is going to be playing and you can concentrate on scoring goals.

"The amount of goals we were conceding at the beginning of the season ended up resulting in us having to compromise our attacking threat.

"We changed formations and attacking options were left out to compensate, which was frustrating from my point of view, being one of them.

"If I would've played every game through the middle when

I was fit I would've probably had a lot more goals."

It is clear that Baldock has felt a victim of City's underachievement. While his team-mates have been forced to defend for long periods of games, naturally his involvement and goalscoring opportunities have suffered.

In an attempt to keep them out at the other end, both McInnes and O'Driscoll have been known to field only one recognised striker from the start, which has left the former MK Dons frontman – fit or not – on the sidelines waiting for his chance.

"This year I've been fit for the majority of the games but, due to team selection or shape, it hasn't gone my way.

"It is frustrating and there is no doubt about it – being given ten minutes when we are losing and being asked to come on and salvage something when there is no space just doesn't suit me. I'm a footballer and want to play games from the start.

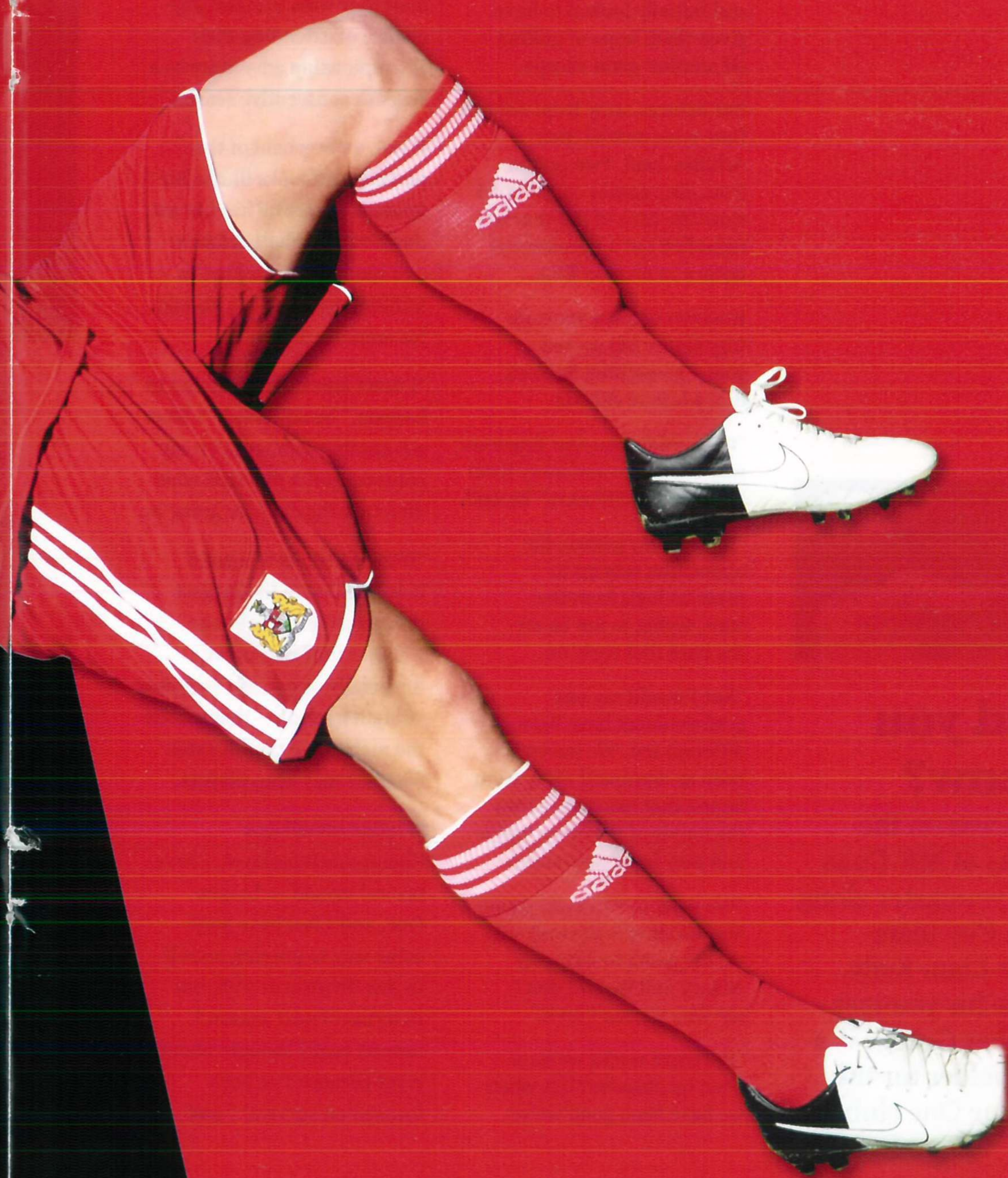
"Playing one up front has been a factor too. I think most managers tend to favour a bigger striker when playing that way and that does suit the way we've been playing because it has been more direct.

"I prefer to be in a pass and move side with a lot of movement around me and someone in midfield who can go and create and unlock defences.

"I don't like getting on the end of long balls, I would rather be slid in and be sharp. I like having support up there but

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Sam Baldock

I'm relying on the supply of the players around me."

City's increased solidity under O'Driscoll has seen the Robins put together a seven-match unbeaten run on home soil, and initially looked to have given them hope of pulling off another great escape.

But fixtures away from Ashton Gate have proved their Achilles' heel. Two points from nine games on the road since the turn of the year has cancelled out a tremendous upturn in form in BS3.

In seven of those nine, no City player has scored a goal – something Baldock is at a loss to explain.

"It's hard to put your finger on why our home and away form has been so different," he said.

"In the away games, the opposition sets up to press us high from the start, trying to put us on the back foot early on.

"But I would say our performances have been different too. We haven't been as dominant away from home; that has played into the hands of the other teams and they have capitalised.

"We want to win every game because that is the only way we are going to have any chance and we still don't see why we can't do it.

"In recent weeks we have been inconsistent but when we have been good we've

been very good, and we know from that we can beat the best teams in this league."

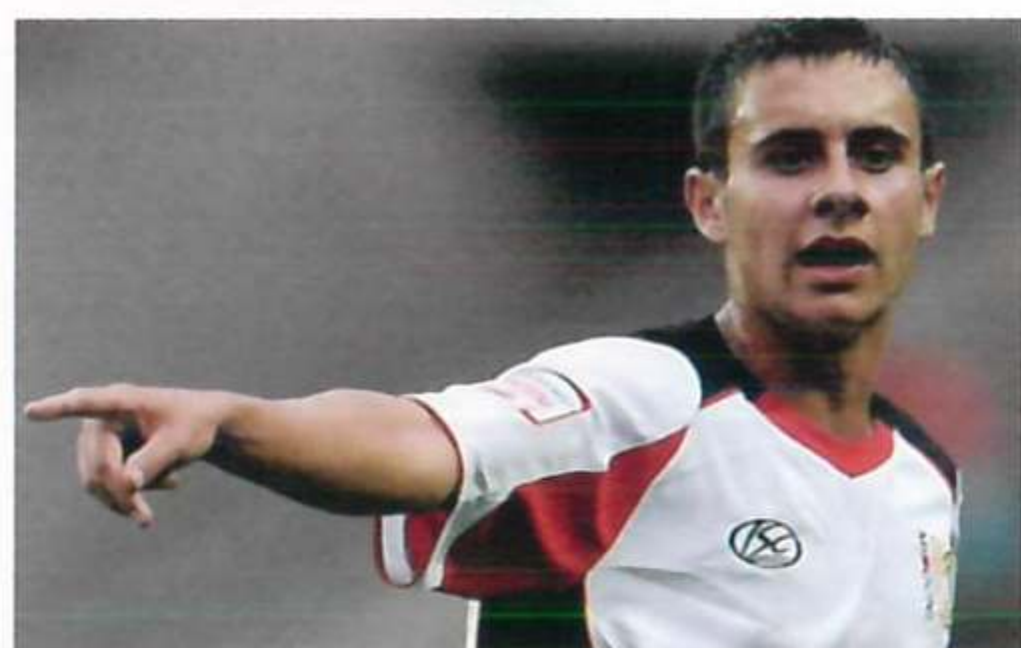
With just five games still to play, City will surely need at least four wins to stand any chance of extending their Championship adventure to a seventh consecutive season.

If not, an overhaul of the playing staff looks likely. But Baldock insists he has not sat down to consider his future and remains committed to fulfilling his contract, should his employers see fit.

"I don't know what is going to happen," he admitted. "I have got another two years on my contract and it depends what direction the club are going in.

"If the club gets relegated it will be one of the biggest in League One. It's about whether they consolidate financially or gamble on going straight back up – that will be the main issue that dictates whether they keep players.

"I judge myself as a Championship player. I have proved myself in League One, and I feel have gone some way to proving myself in this division as well, but in terms of next season I haven't really thought about it yet because I've been focused on survival." **wellred**



Did you know?

Sam was on the books of MK Dons as a youngster along with City team-mate Liam Kelly, while his younger brother George is a midfielder for the League One club.

A photograph of three Blackthorn football players celebrating on a grass field. The player in the center is wearing a red jersey with 'BLACKTHORN' printed on it, red shorts, and yellow football boots. He has his right arm raised in a fist pump and is smiling broadly. To his left, another player in a similar red and black kit is looking towards him. To the right, a third player in a red and black kit is also smiling and looking towards the central player. The background is a blurred stadium filled with spectators. A white text box is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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Round-up



Today's fixtures

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Barnsley v
Charlton Athletic

Blackburn Rovers v
Derby County

Blackpool v
Burnley

**Bristol City v
Bolton Wanderers**

Cardiff City v
Nottingham Forest

Ipswich Town v
Hull City

Leeds United v
Sheffield Wednesday
(12.30pm kick-off)

Middlesbrough v
Brighton & Hove A.

Peterborough United v
Watford

Wolverhampton W. v
Huddersfield Town

Played yesterday

Leicester City v
Birmingham City

Today's match is the first of back-to-back fixtures at Ashton Gate over the coming days and fans will be hoping Sean O'Driscoll's men can carry on their impressive run of form on home soil.

City have been a hard side to beat at Ashton Gate under O'Driscoll, and this has to continue if the club is to avoid relegation to League One.

The Robins' survival hopes were dealt a blow last week when they suffered a 3-1 reverse at the hands of Burnley, leaving the club in a perilous position at the foot of the table.

The relegation scrap itself is really heating up now. Former Premier League champions Blackburn Rovers have now slipped into the bottom three.

Despite leading in their game against Sheffield Wednesday last weekend, the Owls fought back to run out 3-2 winners. Rovers are under serious pressure to avoid a second successive relegation after the defeat left them without a win in ten.

Meanwhile, in another relegation six-pointer, Peterborough United travelled to Huddersfield Town looking to escape the bottom three at the Yorkshire side's expense. They were thankful, in the end, to Dwight Gayle's late equaliser for a share of the spoils.

A defeat for Wolves at Bolton Wanderers, and a draw for Barnsley at Crystal Palace has ensured the bottom of the table is the tightest it's been all season. The Tykes,

npower Championship table

1	Cardiff City
2	Hull City
3	Watford
4	Crystal Palace
5	Nottingham Forest
6	Brighton & Hove Albion
7	Leicester City
8	Bolton Wanderers
9	Middlesbrough
10	Derby County
11	Burnley
12	Charlton Athletic
13	Birmingham City
14	Sheffield Wednesday
15	Ipswich Town
16	Millwall
17	Leeds United
18	Blackpool
19	Barnsley
20	Wolverhampton Wanderers
21	Huddersfield Town
22	Blackburn Rovers
23	Peterborough United
24	BRISTOL CITY

however, were helped in the week by their surprise 1-1 draw at runaway leaders Cardiff City – secured in the very last minute.

A number of clubs are still not clear of trouble too, and will be nervously looking at results this afternoon as they look to pull clear of the drop zone. Of these clubs, Blackpool earned a well-fought point away at Nottingham Forest last time out, whilst Millwall did likewise at Birmingham City.

Answers from page 15

Who Are Ya?

Face one: Hair – Carlos Valderrama

Eyes – Fabien Barthez Mouth – Roy Keane

Face two: Hair – Marc Overmars

Eyes – Pierluigi Collina Mouth – Paul Hartley

Face three: Hair – Arsene Wenger

Eyes – Diego Maradona Mouth – Paolo Di Canio

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2. Danny Wilson (Sheffield United)
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The same can't be said of Leeds United though; the fallen giant of English football slipped to another defeat, this time away at Charlton Athletic to leave them just five points clear of safety.

Ipswich Town secured an invaluable win on the road at Derby County, thanks to an injury-time winner from Carlos Edwards. The result has all but ended the Rams' slim play-off aspirations in the process.

At the top of the table, leaders Cardiff played out a promotion battle with Watford in front of the TV cameras. The visitors certainly left the happier, with a goalless draw – plus their stalemate with Barnsley – meaning the Welsh side are now nine points clear of third place.

The Hornets will now concentrate on a head-to-head duel with Hull City for the second automatic promotion spot after the Tigers opened up a three-point gap thanks to victory over struggling Middlesbrough.

In the play-off picture, it was draws all round as the pressure to reach the top flight really kicks in. Crystal Palace, Nottingham Forest and Brighton & Hove Albion all drew with the latter's result coming against seventh-placed Leicester City.

The big winners last weekend were Bolton Wanderers in eighth. After taking time to settle into the hotseat at the Reebok Stadium, Dougie Freedman now has his men on the march to an unlikely play-off spot. Their 2-0 win over Wolves made it three wins in a row, and has left fans dreaming they can be the team that come from nowhere to secure a place in the end-of-season lottery. Quite impressive when you consider they were 20th in February.

You can follow Lee Molland on Twitter @molls28

Good week

Jermaine Johnson. The Sheffield Wednesday man, who impressed here at Ashton Gate on Easter Monday, was at it again last weekend. His impressive double proved the difference for the Owls in their victory in the clash of the day against Blackburn.

Lewis McGugan. The Forest midfield maestro has now scored in six successive games to further boost his side's play-off bid. Instrumental in Billy Davies' 11-match unbeaten run since returning to the club.

Lee Clark. Under pressure all season, both on and off the pitch, the Blues manager will be relieved to see his side up to thirteenth in the division as they look to ease relegation fears for good.

Leeds United. A 2-1 defeat at Charlton was the club's fourth defeat on the bounce, an alarming run of form for the side with no manager.

Gary Bowyer. The caretaker manager at Ewood Park was summoned to a meeting in India with the club's owners this week, after the Lancashire club slipped into the bottom three, facing a genuine threat of relegation to League One.

Bad week



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A reminder that I will be available on matchdays in future to meet with supporters who have an issue they need addressing. Look out for me around the ground before the game. Come and say hello.

Additionally, you can e-mail on the address above, call me at Ashton Gate on 0117 963 0683, get me on twitter: @dave_backwell or write to the club: Ashton Gate Stadium, Bristol, BS3 2EJ.

Whatever happened to all the half-time entertainment you used to do at the Gate? I remember 'Through His Belly Win a Telly', hitting the crossbar to win a bike and 'Dink Up Thy Zider' when you had to kick the ball into that big pint of Blackthorn. Will you be doing anything like that again? Sam

Dave answers: We have had a few issues with doing things on the pitch at half-time this season. The appalling wet weather over the past eight months has meant that our groundstaff have faced some real challenges when it comes to producing a quality playing surface. Add to that an increase in the number of reserve and Under-21 games being played



at Ashton Gate and the need to have 14 players warming up on the pitch at half-time, and it's meant we've had to rethink the amount of activity during the break. Depending on how the pitch recovers over the close season, it would be great to bring back some fun half-time entertainment next season.

If the redevelopment of Ashton Gate goes ahead, I've heard there are plans for standing areas. Is this true? Paul

Dave answers: We have consistently said that subject to a change in legislation, we would love to see a form of safe standing at Ashton Gate, if we do decide to stay here. Our architects are still developing plans, following

extensive consultation with supporters through our Fans Parliament, and at this stage they are proposing the installation of rail seating at the front of the new Wedlock and redeveloped Dolman Stands. Obviously there are many factors which need to be taken into account before we can finalise things. Once we have arrived at something close to a final set of plans, we will be making the proposed designs available to all supporters for a final round of open consultation. A substantial minority of fans at every ground in the country have indicated by their actions that they would prefer to stand at football. Providing this can be done safely, securely and legally, we are very much in favour.



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By Albert Adomah

My A to Z

A

is for... Atmosphere

Best atmosphere played in?
Playing for Harrow Borough away against AFC Wimbledon in the Isthmian League. I remember there were nearly 3,000 people there which was the first big crowd I'd ever played in front of. And I scored the winning goal!



B

is for... Bristol City

Best thing about Bristol City?
I love the city of Bristol, and the club were the first team to give me a chance playing higher up the leagues.

C

is for... Career

Job if not a footballer?
Probably a bus conductor, a painter and decorator (Albert's job before becoming a professional footballer) or an athlete in another sport.

D

is for... Dislike

Opposing team you secretly want to beat the most?
Nobody. I don't know who I will end up playing for in the future so I have to be careful!

E

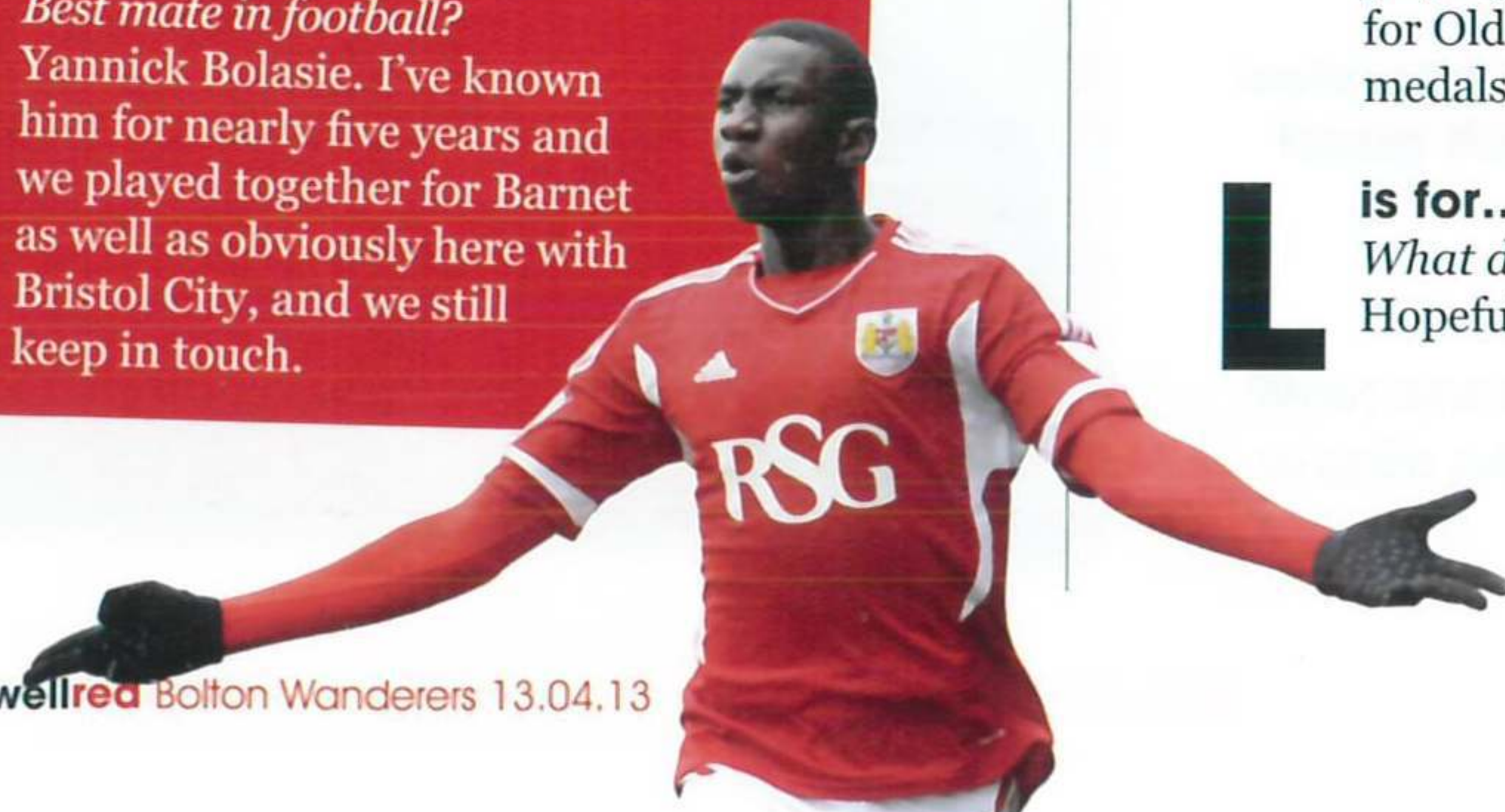
is for... Embarrassed

Most humiliating moment?
Being rude to a supporter when I was at Barnet, which I felt quite ashamed of afterwards.

F

is for... Friend

Best mate in football?
Yannick Bolasie. I've known him for nearly five years and we played together for Barnet as well as obviously here with Bristol City, and we still keep in touch.



G

is for... Goal

Best goal you have ever scored?
The winning goal that I mentioned against AFC Wimbledon. I controlled a throw-in on my thigh, flicked it over two defenders and volleyed it into the top corner off the crossbar from 25 yards!

H

is for... Hardman

Toughest player you have come across?
Jamie Lawrence, who I played with at Harrow Borough. Everything he did was hard! He treated training like it was a military workout. He was the oldest player in the team but still the fittest.



I

is for... Idol

Player you looked up to as a kid?
My brother, Kojo. When I was a kid he was better than me at football, so I always looked up to him and wanted to reach his level.

J

is for... Joker

Funniest player you have shared a dressing room with?
Albert Jarrett at Barnet. He was always making stupid jokes and taking the mick out of people's clothes, no matter who it was.



K

is for... Keeps

Football memento you will never give away?
My trophies and medals. I won the Young Player of the Year award at Barnet and Player of the Year for Harrow Borough. And back when I was playing in the Amateur Combination League for Old Meadonians we won the treble, so those medals are still special to me too.

L

is for... Life after football

What do you hope to be doing?
Hopefully involved in a family business.

of football...

M

is for... Match

Best match played in?

It's got to be that AFC Wimbledon v Harrow Borough game! It was only early in the season but it was top v bottom and we had lost every match so far, but we ended up winning 2-1 in front of a big crowd, so it was a great day.

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Sat 25 Aug	AFC Hornchurch	A League	L 1-3	385
Mon 27 Aug	HENDON	H League	L 1-2	240
Sat 01 Sep	AFC Wimbledon	A League	W 2-1	2,601

N

is for... Nickname

Best nickname you have come across?

I can only think of my own. The hare, speedster, Uncle Albert, Alby, Al, Adomah... that's probably most of them.



O

is for... Opponent

Best player you have faced?

Kyle Walker when he was on loan at QPR from Spurs. He played left-back against me and he was so fast he ended up making me defend for most of the game!



P

is for... Pride

Proudest achievement?

Playing for Ghana at the Africa Cup of Nations earlier this year.

Q

is for... Quickest

Fastest player you have shared a pitch with?

I don't know his name but the number 22 for Burkina Faso at the Africa Cup of Nations! I think he plays in the Russian league and he was the fastest guy I've ever seen play.

(The man in question is Prejuice Nakoulma, who plays for Gornik Zabrze in Poland – sorry Albert!)

R

is for... Rumour

Craziest story you have heard about yourself?

People who said I was rubbish when I first signed for Bristol City!

S

is for... Support

Team followed as a boy?

Manchester United and QPR – they were my local team but I support all the teams in London.

T

is for... Team-mate

Best player played with?

There have been a few – Jason Puncheon, Paul Furlong, Albert Jarrett, Yannick Bolasie, Kojo Asamoah, Asamoah Gyan... I can't just pick one!



Kojo Asamoah in action for Juventus

U

is for... Unbelievable

Tell us something we would not suspect...

I am trying to take up tap dancing lessons. I want to start soon but haven't got around to it yet.

V

is for...

Visitor

Favourite ground?

I like playing at Middlesbrough. I always seem to score there even if I play rubbish!



W

is for... Worst

Worst thing about being a footballer?

Losing games.

X

is for... X-ray

Worst injury you have suffered?

Touch wood I've had no bad ones as yet. The worst was probably when my septum in my nose came out of place after I got headbutted by a clumsy defender!

Y

is for... Youngsters

What piece of advice would you give an aspiring footballer?

Do what you're good at and stick with it.

Z

is for... Zzzzz

Team-mate with the worst banter?

Luke Medley at Barnet. Any joke he ever tried to come out with was never funny.



memories

Ten years ago, in Division Two, City enjoyed was an eventful season with one very memorable league game, an interesting run in the FA Cup, one other cup success, plus a season finale in the play-offs.

Only one player from those times survives in the present squad (answer later).

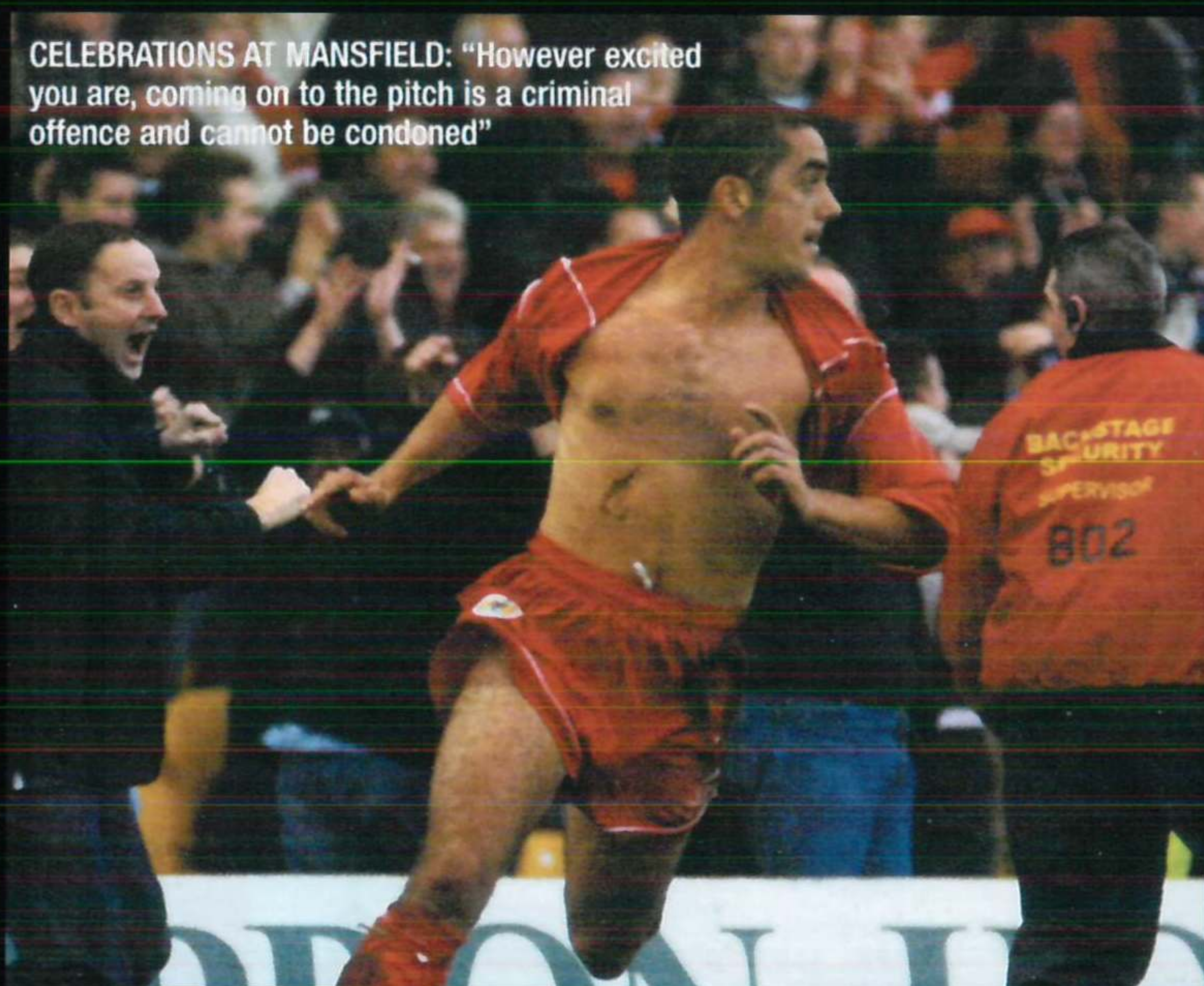
City established a pattern of winning at home and losing away before a hard-fought 3-2 win at Cheltenham Town – Lee Matthews scoring the winner from a 30-yard free kick.

A scintillating sequence of six wins lifted City to third in the table, including a triumphant 4-1 return to Oakwell for manager Danny Wilson; Christian Roberts scoring a hat-trick.

The FA Cup run began away at Heybridge Swifts of the Ryman Premier League – three divisions below us. They produced a bumper 80-page programme for 'arguably the biggest game in the club's history', which stretches back to 1880. "Upsets can happen," said captain and local lad John Pollard, but it finished 7-0 to City.

It was off to Harrowgate Railway in round two. In the late 1940s,

CELEBRATIONS AT MANSFIELD: "However excited you are, coming on to the pitch is a criminal offence and cannot be condoned"



the LNER lent the club £1,500 to buy their Station View ground, providing 300 railway workers would agree to having 1d a week stopped from their wages to finance repayments.

Now they were playing in front of the live cameras on Sky Sports. An own goal and a Scott Murray strike had City 2-0 up, but then Steve Davey lobbed Steve Phillips on 78 minutes to stoke hopes of a comeback. However, Roberts made it 3-1 at the death to seal City's path into round three.

Leicester City ousted City 2-0 at the Walkers Stadium, but

the Robins were to go all the way in the LDV Vans Trophy. They toiled for the 2-0 win over Carlisle United in the club's first visit to the Millennium Stadium; not a match to remember but it's in the record books.

It was madness at Mansfield Town; 1-1 at half-time, then City took the lead before the Stags scored three to put them 4-2 up. Many City supporters had left when Tinnion converted an 86th minute penalty. City were fired up and on 89 minutes Leroy Lita guided in Murray's cross to save the game at 4-4...or so it seemed. Incredibly, Roberts latched on to the ball

2002/03

IMAGES OF HARROGATE:
City and Railway fans mingle at Station View . . .
Pic: Maggie Lansdown



moments later and smashed home the winner in stoppage time.

The next home programme was full of it including a page of fans' stories from Field Mill. It also carried an article, 'Ashton Gate: The Future' – 'City have revealed plans to stay and redevelop their existing home at Ashton Gate Stadium.' Ten years on, there are new plans for Ashton Gate with fans having their say. Will those plans materialise or does our future lie in Ashton Vale?

Expectations were high when Mansfield visited in April; City scored five again with Murray bagging a hat-trick and Louis Carey a rare goal.

City were fourth with five to play. A draw at Crewe allowed them to achieve automatic promotion just three points ahead of City.

In the regular season City had beaten Cardiff City twice, both games finishing 2-0 and both with goals from Roberts and Brian Tinnion. So confidence was understandably high as the team faced Cardiff again in the play-offs.

Cardiff won 1-0 on home soil – Peter Thorne with a headed goal – and at Ashton Gate, City produced a performance but no goals. Cardiff went through and won the final to boot.

The sole surviving player from 2002/03? Louis Carey, of course!

END-OF-SEASON AWARDS

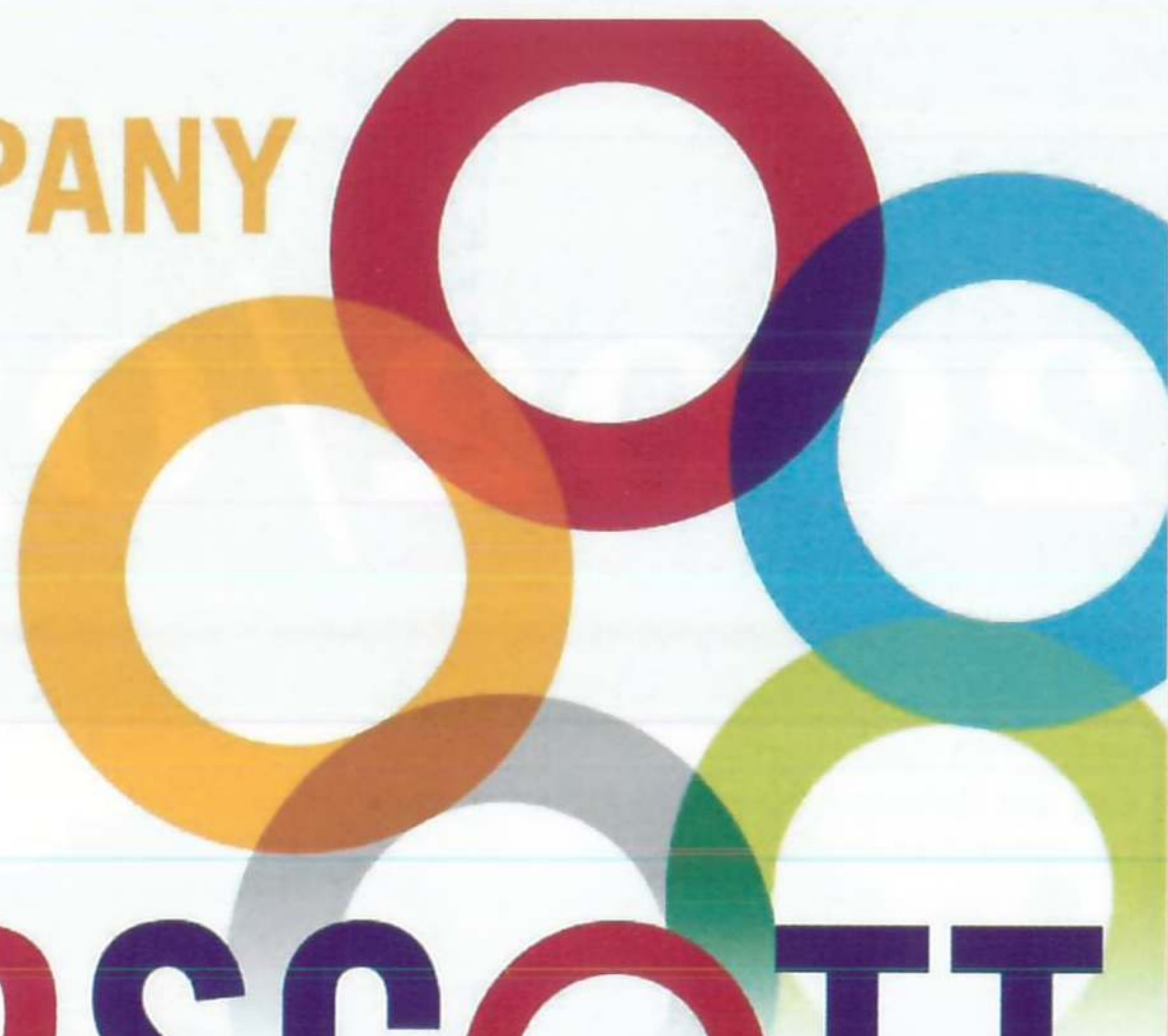
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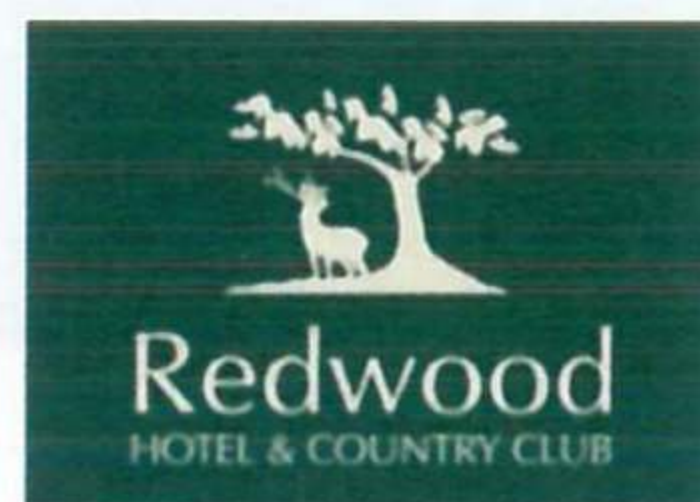
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- SOCCER STAR APRIL 1968

They say that footballers today play far too many matches.

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Together with Dunfermline from Scotland, whom City would face four times on the tour, this seemingly pointless sojourn was set to conclude on June 14th.

In fact, a quick glance at the record books shows that some negotiations must have taken place as nine matches were eventually played between May 18th and June 15th, where the English champions achieved a solitary win.

This 28-page publication always gave good coverage from around the country on a weekly basis and for his round-up in West Country Notes, Maurice Golesworthy took a look at a crucial forthcoming match for relegation-threatened Bristol City in Division Two.

It read: "Having altered their fixtures, Bristol City will be having the quietest Easter of the lot, but with the pressure on them so great at the moment, maybe this is just as well.

"The City simply must beat Plymouth Argyle on Saturday to maintain their hopes of avoiding the dreaded drop."

City did beat the Pilgrims, who had only won once in the league at Ashton Gate up until that match, and that was back in September 1931 - a relegation season from Division Two for the Robins.

As for the 1968 match, it was thanks to a second-half brace from John Galley that was enough to earn both points.

The national side were making heavy work of their European Championship first-leg tie with an equally-poor Spanish side at Wembley.

Gordon Jeffery writes of their slender 1-0 win: "It was another night of frustration for an over-

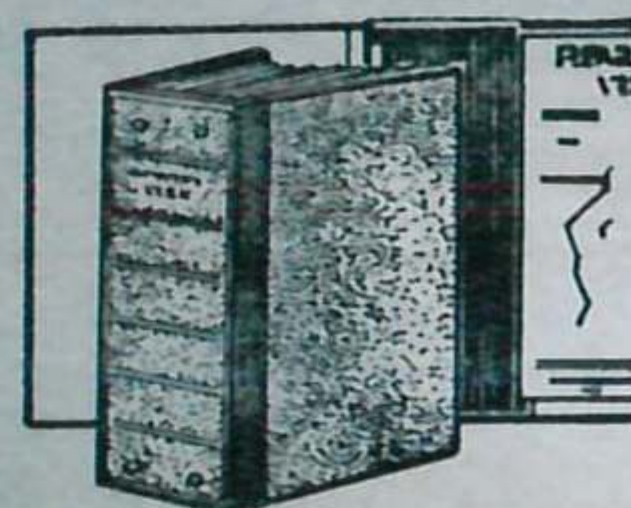


BRISTOL CITY



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anxious England team, which has all the signs of being back at its pre-World Cup worst.

"But in view of the Spaniards' lack of penetration and England's eventual World Cup triumph, we should be on our way to the title anyway."

Bristol City fans were in for a treat when purchasing this magazine 45 years ago as a colour team photograph of the Robins, taken at Blackburn Rovers earlier in the season, can be seen on the back page.

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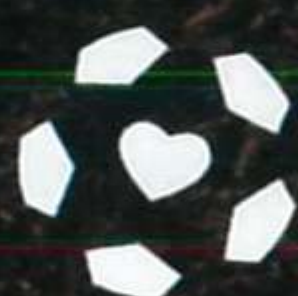
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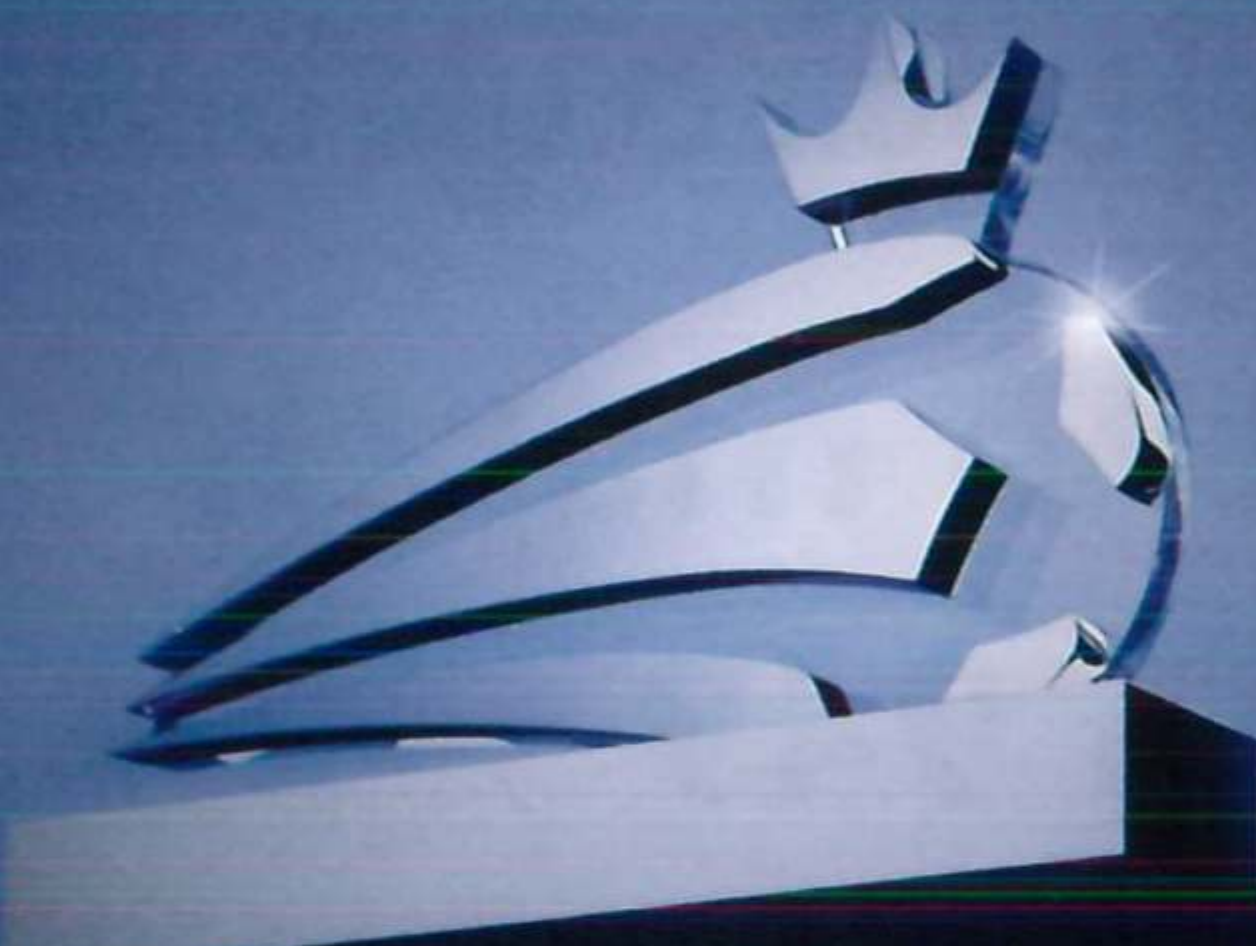
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city legend



Alex Russell aims to work his way up the coaching ladder after being appointed City Under-21 manager in the summer.

The former Robins midfielder has enjoyed a steady start to life in charge, with his side currently sitting sixth out of 11 teams in the Professional Development League.

“We started really well, but lately we haven’t picked up the results we felt we have deserved,” Russell told **wellred**.

“I know it sounds ridiculous; but success doesn’t come from winning games, instead it comes from seeing players break into the first team.

“From a personal perspective I’ve really enjoyed it and I’m learning all the time. I’ve started at the bottom again and I’m now constantly learning from people in the know.”

Russell enjoyed a vast playing career which saw him join Brian Tinnion’s City in 2005. He went on to make 67 appearances, scoring six times, including a goal in the 3-1 victory over Rotherham United that clinched promotion to the npower Championship in 2007.

He added: “I have nothing but fond memories of my playing days at Ashton Gate. When I joined the club the main objective was to win promotion and to do that was a great achievement.

“Just being involved in the game against Rotherham was brilliant. I feel it was the best game I ever played for City and to score a goal put the icing on the cake. When I slipped David Noble through for his second it gave me a lot of satisfaction – perhaps more than the goal I scored.”

Russell always enjoyed the management aspect of the game and after seeing out his career at Bath City, felt it was the natural step for him to take.

He added: “My dad was a footballer so I’ve always been around football since I was a young boy. I used

to watch Italian football and tried to figure out why they were playing differently compared to teams in England.

“As a player I was always interested in the tactical side of the game. Teams don’t win playing the same way every week; they have to adapt against different opposition and I enjoy looking at the ways they do that.”

The Professional Development League is in its maiden year and has already proved its worth to City’s youngsters, with four players featuring at first team level in the Football League.

Joe Bryan and Bobby Reid have both continued their progress this season. The duo featured for City in the first half of the campaign, and have since gone on loan to Plymouth Argyle and Oldham Athletic respectively, in search of regular first team football.

Wes Burns has surprised many with his development. The 18-year-old signed his first professional contract in December and has featured five times for the Robins. The Welshman is now on loan at Forest Green Rovers in the Blue Square Bet Conference.

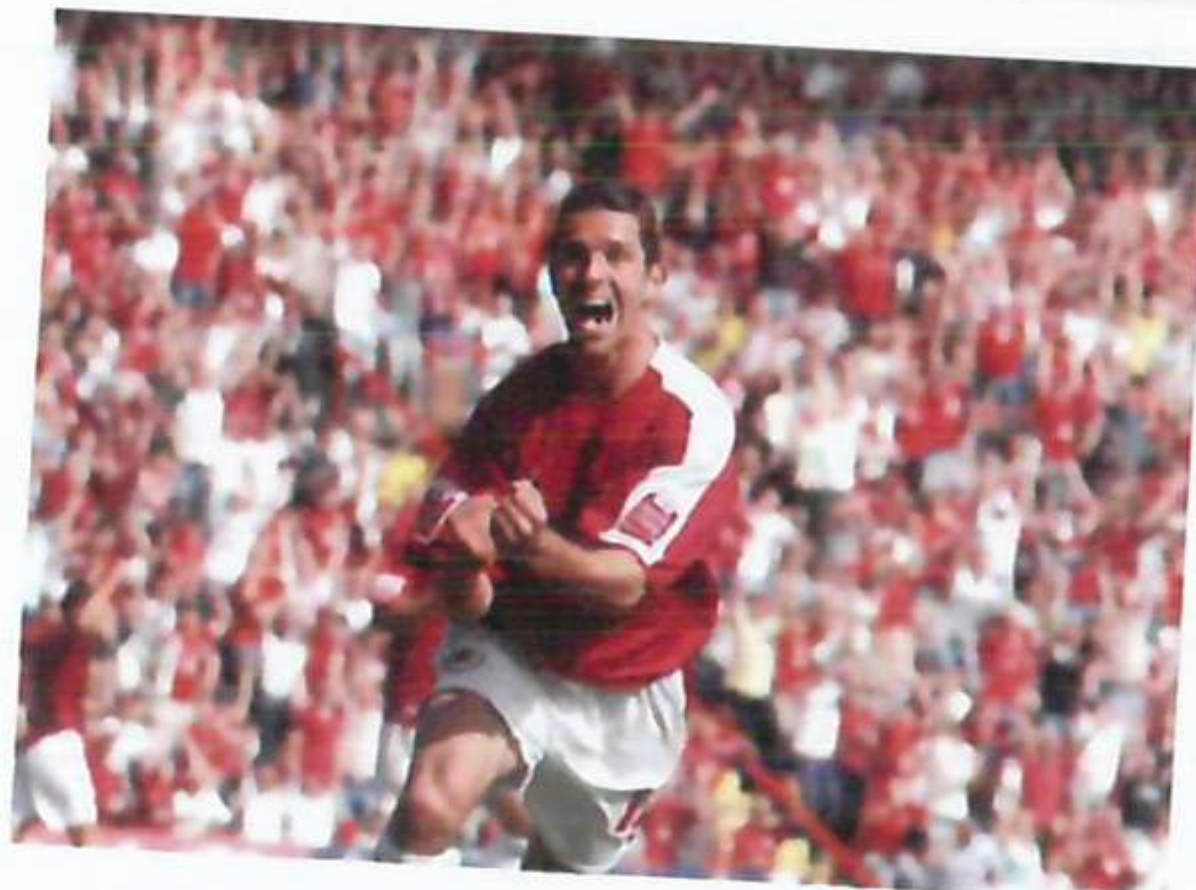
Toby Ajala also impressed earlier in the season for the development side and enjoyed a four-month loan spell at AFC Wimbledon.

“People think the younger lads who can’t make it regularly in the first team will walk into a League One or League Two side but that isn’t the case,” Russell continued.

“It’s really tough because there are some good players in the lower leagues and they have the experience the younger lads don’t, but they will learn from their experiences.”

Having been tipped to follow in Sean O’Driscoll’s footsteps in the head coach’s programme notes today, where does Russell see himself in the future?

Russell revealed: “It’s hard to tell but in five years I see myself looking for managerial jobs, but I may be happy to continue working with youth players.”



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Under-21 fixtures

2012

Wed Aug 23 COLCHESTER UNITED (H)	3-2
Mon Aug 27 Brighton (A)	0-1
Mon Sep 3 BRENTFORD (H)	3-2
Mon Sep 17 Swansea City (A)	2-0
Mon Sep 24 IPSWICH TOWN (H)	1-0
Mon Oct 8 Charlton Athletic (A)	1-3
Tue Oct 16 MILLWALL (H)	5-3
Mon Nov 12 Colchester United (A)	5-1

2013

Mon, Jan 14 QPR (H)	4-0
Mon, Feb 4 Cardiff City (A)	0-4
Tue, Feb 19 Brentford (A)	0-2
Mon, Feb 25 CHARLTON ATHLETIC (H)	0-3
Tue, Mar 5 Millwall (A)	1-0
Mon, Mar 25 SWANSEA CITY (H)	2-3
Wed, Apr 3 CARDIFF CITY (H)	2-3
Tue, Apr 9 QPR (A)	1-2
Mon, Apr 15, 2pm Ipswich Town (A)	
Mon, Apr 22, 7pm BARNET (H)	
Thur, Apr 25, 3pm BRIGHTON & HA (H)	
Mon, Apr 29, 1pm Barnet (A)	

City youngsters shine in Denmark

A squad of City youngsters (born 1997 or later) recently returned from a five-day trip to Denmark, where they tested their abilities against some of the most respected Academies in Scandinavia.

The team's first fixture saw them face IK Start of Norway. After a nervous start to the contest, City ran out comfortable 7-0 winners, with Tom Fry, George Kellow (two), Joe Morrell, Elliott Ripley, Zak Vyner and James Difford on target to get the campaign off on the perfect footing.

Matchday two saw City come up against tournament favourites FC Midtjylland – the best Academy in Denmark. Straight away the Danes raced into an early lead, but Connor Lemonheigh Evans soon levelled things up.

However, an injury to Elijah Chilekwa had City temporarily reduced to ten men and Midtjylland took full advantage, scoring twice in quick succession.

On the stroke of half-time the favourites added a fourth goal, but City were a different proposition after the interval. Goals from Morrell and Difford pegged the leaders back to 4-3, only for a late breakaway goal to secure a 5-3 win for Midtjylland.

Next up for the young Robins were VB Kolding, also of Denmark, and City broke the deadlock when Lemonheigh Evans sent Kellow through on goal. The forward rounded the advancing keeper before squeezing his shot beyond the recovering defenders to find the net from a tight angle.

However, Kolding responded brightly in the second half and equalised after Morrell was robbed of possession in midfield and a fortunate deflection fell kindly for the Danes to square the ball across goal for a tap-in.



City in action against VB Kolding

Welsh international Morrell was inches away from striking a late winner from a free kick, but his shot struck the underside of the crossbar before Elliott Ripley headed the rebound over the top when it looked easier to score.

City's fourth and final game in four exhausting days saw them face a third Danish side in Akademisk Boldklub, known as AB. Trevor Challis' side were showing signs of fatigue and fell behind to a wonderful half-volley after keeper Max O'Leary punched the ball out to the edge of the box.

The Robins rang the changes at the break and the fresh legs had the desired effect, as a quintet of second-half goals from Fry (two), Aron Davies, Difford and Joe Selman sealed a 5-1 rout to end the tour on a high.

City's haul of seven points from four games left them third in the round-robin group, while Morrell had a trip to savour by picking up the prestigious Player of the Tournament award.



Player of the Tournament Joe Morrell

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Sat Aug 25

BRIGHTON & HA (H) 2-3/2-3

Sat Sep 1

Brentford (A) 4-4/4-2

Sat Sep 22

Ipswich Town (A) 4-0*

Sat Sep 29

Millwall (A) 3-2/2-1

Sat Oct 20

Cardiff City (A) 0-2/2-4

Sat Nov 10

Barnet (A) 5-3/2-0

Tue Dec 4

IPSWICH TOWN (FAYCR3) 0-1*

Sat Dec 8

BRENTFORD 6-1*

2013

Sat Jan 12

Queens Park Rangers (A) 2-3/0-3

Sat Feb 9

MILLWALL (H) 4-2/0-0

Sat Feb 16

IPSWICH TOWN (H) 3-1*

Sat Feb 23

Charlton Athletic (A) 0-2/1-0

Sat Mar 2

CARDIFF CITY (H) 2-4/1-1

Sat Mar 16

BARNET (H) 1-1*

Sat Mar 30

Brighton & Hove Albion (A) 0-0*

Sat Apr 6

QUEENS PARK RANGERS (H) 0-5/1-2

Sat Apr 13, 12pm

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (H)

Sat Apr 20, 11am

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Sat Apr 27, 12.30pm

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City U21 2 Cardiff City U21 3

Healey 1, **Krans 7**, Kiss 34, **Krans 45**, John 69

Venue Ashton Gate **Date** Wednesday, April 3rd 2013 **Competition** Under-21 Professional Development League

Alex Russell's young City side were beaten 3-2 by their Cardiff City rivals at Ashton Gate.

Rhys Healey opened the scoring for the Bluebirds before Kevin Krans pulled a goal back soon after.

The visitors took the lead again through Filip Kiss' penalty, but again Krans scored to keep his side in the hunt.

However, a sweetly-struck volley from Declan John 20 minutes from time secured the three points for the Welsh side.

Alex Russell's men got off to the worst possible start when Healey broke the deadlock after just 32 seconds. Etien Velikonja led the charge down the right wing before finding his strike partner in space in the City box and John comfortably slotted the ball past Dylan Castanheira.

City responded well to going a goal behind and were soon on level terms thanks to a well-worked corner. Krans was quickest to react as he got in front of his marker to meet Toby Ajala's low delivery at the near post and squeeze his effort past Joe Lewis.

Minutes later Ajala was close to putting his side in front after he latched on to Joe Pegg's diagonal pass over the Cardiff defence, but the former Wimbledon loanee shot just over the bar.

Samuel Ogles then awarded the visitors a penalty after Curtis Jones mistimed his tackle on Healey. Kiss stepped up with confidence and saw his powerful effort crash in off the underside of the crossbar.

City again reacted positively after going a goal behind when Lewis tipped Krans' shot from distance on to the bar.

Krans eventually got his second of the game with the last kick of the first half. Ajala flicked

Luke Dobie's long ball into the path of Ajala who kept calm and squeezed his shot in off the post past the onrushing Lewis.

Minutes after the restart Elan Gordon was inches from giving his side the lead for the first time in the game. The forward kept the ball well on the edge of the visitors' box before his left-footed shot rebounded off the post.

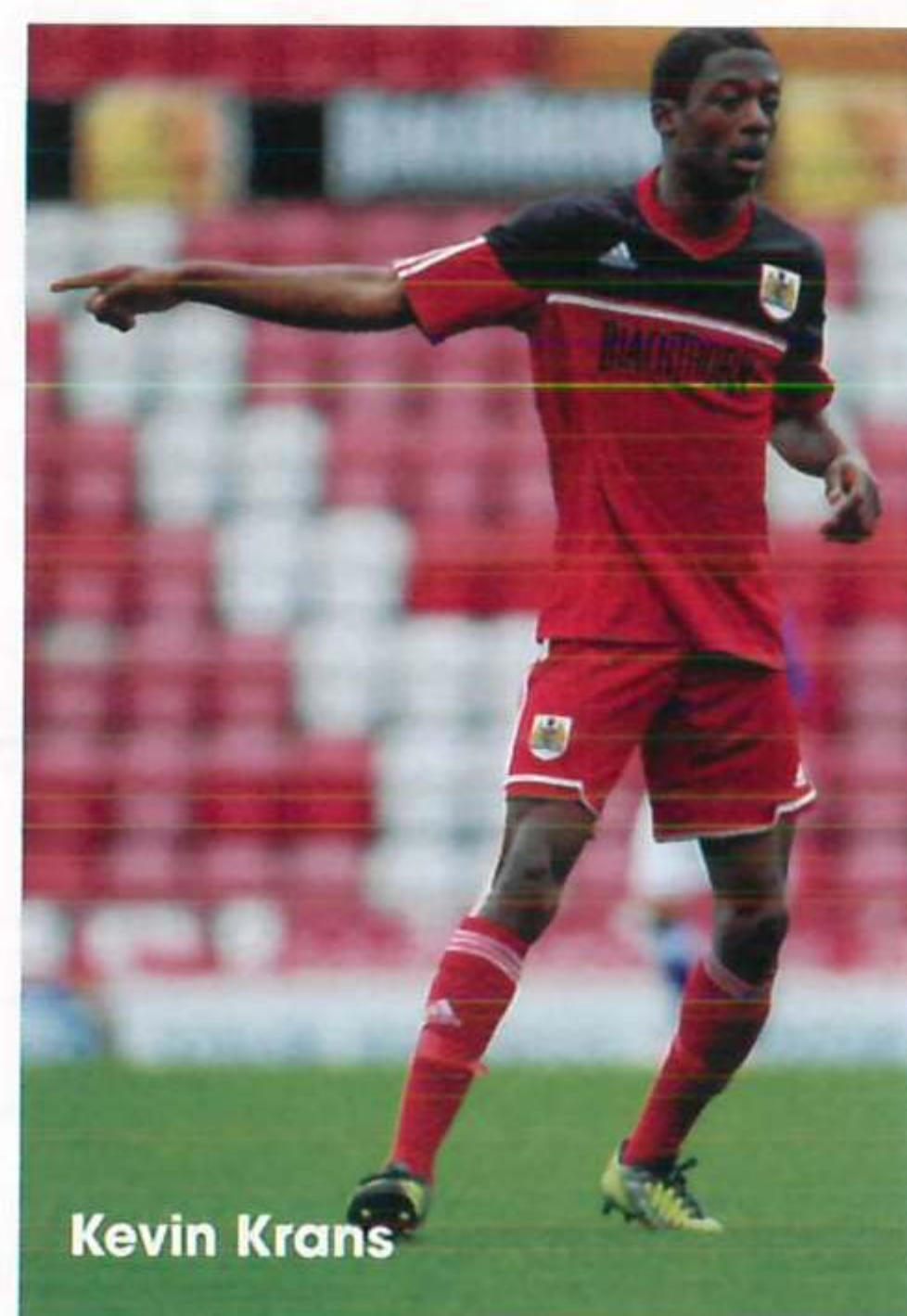
Velikonja, who scored a hat-trick in the reverse fixture, could have put his side ahead if he showed a little more composure, but he blazed his effort over from just eight yards out.

As both teams went in search of the crucial fifth goal, the game became stretched and it was the home side who nearly capitalised. Dobie cleverly backheeled the ball into the path of Ajala but Lewis comfortably gathered his tame effort.

Pierce Mitchell proved to be City's saviour when he made a vital block to deny Healey a second, after the striker was quickest to react following Velikonja's knockdown.

But from the resulting corner Cardiff took the lead for the third time in the game. Joe Ralls' ball in was cleared only as far as substitute John, who volleyed past Castanheira from the edge of the box with his first touch of the game.

City Under-21s Castanheira; Battersby, Jones, Mitchell, Pegg; Dobie, Batten (Simms 88), John (Horgan 74); Ajala, Krans, Gordon. Subs: Perndreu, Abbott, Paice.



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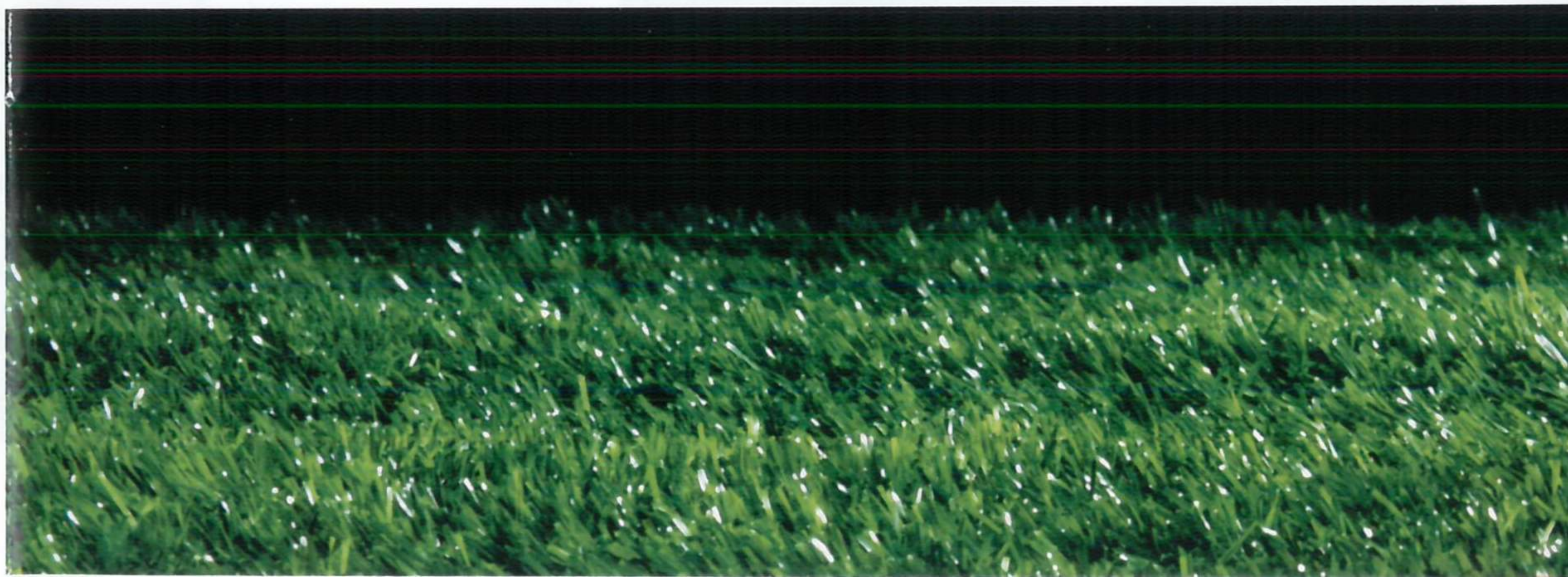
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A very big Ashton Gate welcome to Chris, a loyal season ticket holder. Enjoy the game Chris!

Wishing Connor Ings a very Happy Birthday from the family. Connor is a very dedicated Bristol City fan and follows them whenever he can.

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Thanks to Matt Powell, a season ticket holder in the East End who sent us this great picture of him with his two sons Zach and Xander at Singapore zoo!



A very warm welcome to Byrony Dann, sat in the Dolman Stand today to witness her first ever competitive City fixture in the flesh. Have a wonderful day Byrony!



Happy Birthday today to Sarah Robbins in the Dolman Stand. Also a belated Happy Birthday to Lewis Clifford, who turned 13 on April 4th. Lewis is pictured with his brother Alex, who turned 8 on April 10th. Happy Birthday to you all! Love from all the family x

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Category B

Phase	Wedlock			Atyeo			Family				Dolman Central			Dolman/Williams		
1	N/A			N/A			18	12	36	5	23	15	8	22	14	7
2	20	17	9	22	17	9	22	17	42	9	26	20	12	24	18	10
Match	25	20	12	25	20	12	25	20	50	12	30	25	15	28	23	14

Category C

Phase	Wedlock			Atyeo			Family				Dolman Central			Dolman/Williams		
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Adults - £25, Senior Citizens - £15, 16-22 Year-Olds £15, 11-15 Year-Olds £6, Under-10s £3.

Wheelchair/ambulant (eight pairs) priced as above.

TRAVEL

Coach: City's Away Travel Service are running coaches to KC Stadium, which depart from Ashton Gate at 12noon. Seats for season card holders are £30, all others £35.

Car: Go via M5, M42, A42, M1. Join the M18 at junction 32, then join the M62. At the end of the M62, follow on to the A63. The stadium is clearly signposted. Depart the A63 around a mile from the town centre (signposted Local Infirmary) and take the second exit at the roundabout. Plenty of pay-for parking near to the stadium.

Rail: The stadium is around a 20-minute walk from Hull Paragon station. A taxi shouldn't cost too much.

2012/13 squad

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Albert ADOMAH



2012/13 RECORD

	P	S	G
Lge	25	10	7
Cup	1	0	0
Total	26	10	7


 Joe and Jean Reeves

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Greg CUNNINGHAM



2012/13 RECORD

	P	S	G
Lge	24	1	1
Cup	1	0	0
Total	25	1	1


 Future TV

 Tessa & Dave

21

Paul ANDERSON



2012/13 RECORD

	P	S	G
Lge	16	9	3
Cup	1	0	0
Total	17	9	3




16

Steven DAVIES



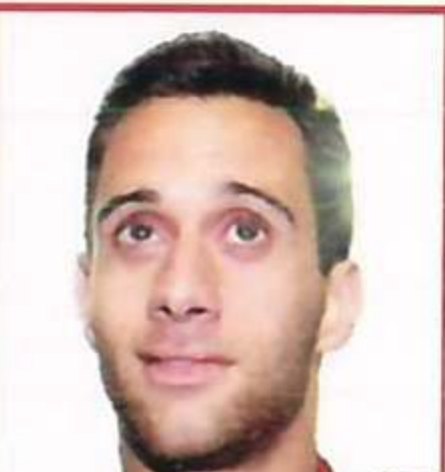
2012/13 RECORD

	P	S	G
Lge	17	16	12
Cup	0	1	0
Total	17	17	12


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Sam BALDOCK



2012/13 RECORD

	P	S	G
Lge	18	11	10
Cup	0	0	0
Total	18	11	10


 Robins Public House

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Marvin ELLIOTT



2012/13 RECORD

	P	S	G
Lge	23	8	2
Cup	0	1	1
Total	23	9	3


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Matthew BATES



2012/13 RECORD

	P	S	G
Lge	9	0	0
Cup	0	0	0
Total	9	0	0




4

Liam FONTAINE



2012/13 RECORD

	P	S	G
Lge	39	0	1
Cup	2	0	0
Total	41	0	1


 Senior Reds


26

Joe BRYAN



2012/13 RECORD

	P	S	G
Lge	8	4	0
Cup	0	0	0
Total	8	4	0




2

Richard FOSTER



2012/13 RECORD

	P	S	G
Lge	25	2	0
Cup	1	0	0
Total	26	2	0




29

Wes BURNS



2012/13 RECORD

	P	S	G
Lge	0	5	0
Cup	0	0	0
Total	0	5	0


 Tessa & Dave

 Signmarket

22

Dean GERKEN



2012/13 RECORD

	P	S	G
Lge	3	0	0
Cup	1	0	0
Total	4	0	0


 Mark & Christine Smith

 Mark & Christine Smith

6

Louis CAREY



2012/13 RECORD

	P	S	G
Lge	12	2	0
Cup	1	0	0
Total	13	2	0


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Tom HEATON



2012/13 RECORD

	P	S	G
Lge	38	0	0
Cup	1	0	0
Total	39	0	0


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After the match has finished, buses return to Brislington via the Centre and Temple Meads setting down as required

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11 Brian HOWARD		2012/13 RECORD			 
		P	S	G	
		Lge	0	4	
		Cup	0	0	
		Total	0	4	

14 Cole SKUSE		2012/13 RECORD			 
		P	S	G	
		Lge	24	1	
		Cup	2	0	
		Total	26	1	

Steve Rawlings

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10 Liam KELLY		2012/13 RECORD			 
		P	S	G	
		Lge	15	0	
		Cup	0	0	
		Total	15	0	

John Davis & Co Accountants

9 Jon STEAD		2012/13 RECORD			 
		P	S	G	
		Lge	21	6	
		Cup	2	0	
		Total	23	6	

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8 Neil KILKENNY		2012/13 RECORD			 
		P	S	G	
		Lge	11	9	
		Cup	0	0	
		Total	11	9	

18 Ryan TAYLOR		2012/13 RECORD			 
		P	S	G	
		Lge	15	8	
		Cup	1	0	
		Total	16	8	

Future TV

19 Brendan MOLONEY		2012/13 RECORD			 
		P	S	G	
		Lge	14	0	
		Cup	0	0	
		Total	14	0	

Future TV

12 James WILSON		2012/13 RECORD			 
		P	S	G	
		Lge	5	0	
		Cup	1	0	
		Total	6	0	

5 Lewin NYATANGA		2012/13 RECORD			 
		P	S	G	
		Lge	13	1	
		Cup	1	0	
		Total	14	1	

3 Mark WILSON		2012/13 RECORD			 
		P	S	G	
		Lge	7	1	
		Cup	1	0	
		Total	8	1	

15 Stephen PEARSON		2012/13 RECORD			 
		P	S	G	
		Lge	33	2	
		Cup	2	0	
		Total	35	2	

Sean O'DRISCOLL			
		Head Coach	Senior Reds

Senior Reds

24 Bobby REID		2012/13 RECORD			 
		P	S	G	
		Lge	0	3	
		Cup	0	1	
		Total	0	4	

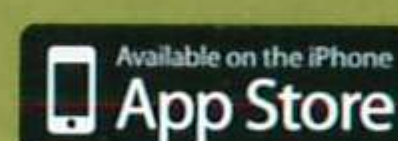
Richard O'KELLY			
		First Team Coach	Senior Reds

Senior Reds



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OPPONENTS				F-A	ATT	AWAY ATT.					
AUGUST											
TUE	14	GILLINGHAM (CAP R1)		1-2	4,339	433	Gerken	Skuse	Fontaine	Nyatanga	Foster
SAT	18	NOTTINGHAM FOREST		0-1	21,575	1,201	Heaton	M.Wilson	Carey	Fontaine	Cunningham
TUE	21	CRYSTAL PALACE		4-1	12,221	722	Heaton	Foster	Carey	Fontaine	Cunningham
SAT	25	CARDIFF CITY		4-2	14,368	1,850	Heaton	M.Wilson	Carey	Fontaine	Cunningham
SEPTEMBER											
SAT	1	BARNSELY		0-1	8,088	580	Heaton	M.Wilson	Carey	Fontaine	Cunningham
SAT	15	BLACKBURN ROVERS		3-5	14,657	1,229	Heaton	Foster	Carey	Fontaine	Cunningham
TUE	18	PETERBOROUGH UNITED		2-1	5,435	319	Heaton	Foster	J.Wilson	Fontaine	Cunningham
SAT	22	WATFORD		2-2	11,886	1,013	Heaton	Foster	J.Wilson	Fontaine	Bryan
SAT	29	LEEDS UNITED		2-3	15,692	2,069	Heaton	Foster	J.Wilson	Fontaine	Elokobi
OCTOBER											
TUE	2	MILLWALL		1-1	12,010	180	Heaton	M.Wilson	Fontaine	Nyatanga	Foster
SAT	6	LEICESTER CITY		0-2	22,529	632	Heaton	Carey	Fontaine	Nyatanga	Foster
SAT	20	BOLTON WANDERERS		2-3	17,259	1,344	Heaton	Foster	Carey	McManus	Fontaine
TUE	23	BURNLEY		3-4	11,836	361	Heaton	M.Wilson	Fontaine	McManus	Foster
SAT	27	HULL CITY		1-2	12,354	364	Heaton	M.Wilson	Nyatanga	McManus	Briggs
NOVEMBER											
SAT	3	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN		0-1	12,561	406	Gerken	Foster	Fontaine	McManus	Briggs
TUE	6	BIRMINGHAM CITY		0-2	14,380	679	Gerken	Foster	Fontaine	McManus	Briggs
SUN	11	CHARLTON ATHLETIC		0-2	13,009	1,017	Heaton	Foster	J.Wilson	Fontaine	Briggs
SAT	17	BLACKPOOL		1-1	12,009	487	Heaton	Foster	Bates	Fontaine	Bryan
SAT	24	MIDDLESBROUGH		3-1	20,585	220	Heaton	Foster	Carey	Fontaine	Bryan
TUE	27	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION		0-2	24,044	395	Heaton	Foster	Bates	Fontaine	Bryan
DECEMBER											
SAT	1	WOLVERHAMPTON W.		1-4	13,892	1,724	Heaton	Foster	Bates	Fontaine	Bryan
SAT	8	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY		3-2	20,449	452	Heaton	Foster	Bates	McManus	Fontaine
SAT	15	DERBY COUNTY		0-2	12,526	846	Heaton	Foster	Bates	McManus	Fontaine
SAT	22	IPSWICH TOWN		1-1	17,290	240	Heaton	Foster	Bates	McManus	Fontaine
SAT	29	PETERBOROUGH UNITED		4-2	12,991	375	Heaton	Foster	Bates	McManus	Cunningham
JANUARY 2013											
TUE	1	MILLWALL		1-2	9,784	394	Heaton	M.Wilson	Bates	McManus	Fontaine
SAT	5	BLACKBURN ROVERS (FAC R3)		0-2	5,504	567	Heaton	M.Wilson	J.Wilson	Carey	Fontaine
SAT	12	LEICESTER CITY		0-4	13,078	1,786	Gerken	Foster	J.Wilson	McManus	Fontaine
SAT	19	LEEDS UNITED		0-1	18,156	308	Heaton	Foster	Carey	Fontaine	Cunningham
SAT	26	IPSWICH TOWN		2-1	12,662	897	Heaton	Moloney	Carey	Fontaine	Cunningham
TUE	29	WATFORD		2-0	13,586	1,079	Heaton	Moloney	Carey	Fontaine	Cunningham
FEBRUARY											
SAT	2	BLACKBURN ROVERS		0-2	13,539	547	Heaton	Moloney	Carey	Fontaine	Cunningham
SAT	9	NOTTINGHAM FOREST		2-0	13,768	1,405	Heaton	Moloney	Nyatanga	Fontaine	Cunningham
SAT	16	CARDIFF CITY		1-2	25,586	2,054	Heaton	Moloney	Nyatanga	Fontaine	Foster
TUE	19	CRYSTAL PALACE		1-2	16,191	683	Heaton	Moloney	Nyatanga	Fontaine	Cunningham
SAT	23	BARNSELY		5-3	13,008	549	Heaton	Moloney	Nyatanga	Fontaine	Cunningham
MARCH											
SAT	2	BLACKPOOL		0-0	12,934	572	Heaton	Moloney	Nyatanga	Fontaine	Cunningham
TUE	5	BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION		0-0	12,267	893	Heaton	Moloney	Nyatanga	Fontaine	Cunningham
SAT	9	MIDDLESBROUGH		2-0	13,524	616	Heaton	Moloney	Nyatanga	Fontaine	Cunningham
SAT	16	WOLVERHAMPTON W.		1-2	21,711	1,669	Heaton	Moloney	Nyatanga	Fontaine	Cunningham
FRI	29	DERBY COUNTY		0-3	23,483	839	Heaton	Moloney	Nyatanga	Fontaine	Cunningham
APRIL											
MON	1	SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY		1-1	19,148	2,124	Heaton	Moloney	Nyatanga	Fontaine	Cunningham
SAT	6	BURNLEY		1-3	11,539	247	Heaton	Moloney	Bates	Fontaine	Cunningham
SAT	13	BOLTON W.	15.00								
TUE	16	BIRMINGHAM CITY	19.45								
FRI	19	HULL CITY	19.45								
SAT	27	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	15.00								
MAY											
SAT	4	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	12.45								
SAT	11	FA CUP FINAL									

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Adomah	Morris▲	Pearson■	Woolford■	Stead	Pitman	Heaton	J. Wilson	Edwards	Bryan	Elliott■1	Anderson	Bolasie▲
Foster▲	Skuse	Pearson●	Woolford■	Adomah	Stead	Gerken	J. Wilson	Morris	Kilkenny	Elliott▲	Anderson■	Pitman●
Adomah1	Skuse	Pearson●	Woolford1	Stead1▲	Taylor1■	Gerken	J. Wilson	Morris●	Elliott▲	Anderson	Davies■	Pitman
Adomah●	Skuse	Pearson1	Woolford2	Stead▲	Taylor■	Carey (gk)	J. Wilson	Foster	Morris	Elliott■	Davies●	Baldock1▲
Adomah▲	Skuse	Pearson●	Woolford	Stead	Baldock■	Carey (gk)	Nyatanga	Morris	Elliott▲	Anderson	Davies●	Taylor1
Adomah1	Skuse	Pearson1	Woolford●	Stead▲	Taylor■	Gerken	J. Wilson	Kilkenny	Elliott	Anderson●	Davies■	Baldock1▲
Skuse▲	Elliott	Pearson	Woolford	Taylor●	Baldock2■	Gerken	Carey	Bryan■	Kilkenny	Adomah▲	Davies■	Stead
Adomah	Elliott1■	Pearson	Woolford▲	Taylor	Baldock●	Gerken	Carey	M. Wilson	Morris●	Kilkenny▲	Davies1■	Stead
Adomah1	Kilkenny■	Pearson	Woolford	Stead●	Taylor	Gerken	Carey■	Bryan▲■	Morris	Elliott	Davies	Baldock●
Adomah	Skuse	Kilkenny▲	Pearson	Davies1■	Baldock●	Gerken	Carey	J. Wilson	Morris	Woolford▲	Taylor■	Pitman●
Adomah	Skuse	Morris■	Pearson	Taylor	Baldock▲	Gerken	J. Wilson	M. Wilson■	Woolford	Anderson●	Davies▲	Stead
Adomah	Skuse■	Pearson	Woolford■	Davies2▲	Baldock	Gerken	M. Wilson	Bryan	Morris	Anderson	Taylor▲	Pitman■
Adomah	Skuse	Morris	Bryan●	Davies1■	Baldock1	Gerken	Carey▲	J. Wilson	Woolford	Anderson1●	Taylor■	Pitman
Foster	Skuse	Pearson■	Stead●	Davies1▲	Taylor	Gerken	Morris	Elliott	Woolford	Anderson●	Adomah■	Baldock▲
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Adomah1	Elliott	Danns	Bryan▲	Taylor	Baldock2■	Gerken	D. Wilson	M. Wilson	Kilkenny	Reid	Pearson■	Anderson▲
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Adomah■	Skuse	Danns■	Cunningham	Anderson■	Stead1	Gerken	Carey	Edwards	Elliott	Woolford■	Taylor●	Baldock▲
Anderson	Skuse	Pearson	Cunningham●	Stead▲	Taylor	Gerken	Bates	Edwards	Reid■	Woolford●	Burns	Davies▲
Kelly●	Skuse	Pearson	Cunningham	Davies	Stead■	Heaton	Bryan	Elliott	Reid●	Anderson■	Burns▲	Taylor
Kelly■	Skuse	Kilkenny■	Pearson●	Anderson▲	Taylor	Gerken	Nyatanga	J. Wilson	Elliott	Burns■	Davies●	Stead▲
Kelly	Skuse	Kilkenny●	Anderson	Taylor▲	Baldock■	Gerken	J. Wilson	Foster	Elliott●	Pearson	Davies1▲	Stead1■
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Kelly■	Elliott	Pearson●	Anderson▲	Davies	Stead	Gerken	J. Wilson	Kilkenny■	Howard●	Reid	Adomah▲	Burns
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Anderson▲	Kelly●	Skuse	Elliott	Pearson■	Davies	Gerken	Bates	J. Wilson	Kilkenny●	Howard	Adomah▲	Baldock■
Skuse■	Kilkenny	Elliott▲	Anderson	Davies	Baldock	Gerken	Bates	J. Wilson	Kelly	Howard	Pearson■	Adomah▲
Kelly■	Skuse●	Elliott	Pearson▲	Davies■	Baldock1	Gerken	Bates	Carey	Kilkenny■	Howard	Anderson●	Adomah▲
Adomah1■	Kelly▲	Elliott	Pearson■	Anderson	Davies	Gerken	Carey	J. Wilson	M. Wilson	Foster	Kilkenny▲	Howard■

tales from the kilt man

The last home game against Sheffield Wednesday was hugely frustrating for everyone involved.

I know the players were gutted in the changing rooms afterwards because they all saw it as an opportunity to take three points.

Unfortunately that is how football goes; you can dominate for the entire game but if the other side snatch a goal it leaves you with a tough task.

When you are in situation we are in currently, very rarely do you have luck on your side and the Easter Monday fixture was an example of that.

However, the lads are well aware of the situation they are in, so it's up to them to keep battling.

Before our game with Derby County at Pride Park a couple of weeks ago I bumped into some lad called Niall Horan, who is in a little pop group called One Direction!

If I'm honest I didn't really know who he was, I just knew he had something to do with music. So I had a little look online and found out who he was and saw it as the perfect opportunity to wind up my daughter, who is a big One Direction fan.

I had my picture with him and posted it to my daughter and she was unbelievably jealous – so my plan worked perfectly!

The trip to Turf Moor last week allowed me to have a catch up with a few old faces. I had a good chat with Burnley manager Sean Dyche and their goalkeeper coach Billy Mercer. They gave me a bit of banter, saying I look old, but I think they are just jealous of my youthful physique!

Turf Moor is one of the older grounds in the npower Championship and in all honesty it was a bit of a nightmare for me personally.

The changing rooms are absolutely tiny and barely had enough room for all of our kit, so it took longer than usual to get everything sorted.

The game itself was again frustrating for the lads. When we went a goal up it gave us something to hold on to and the crowd booed them off at half-time.

However, when they grabbed the equaliser early in the second half the crowd turned in their favour and it gave them the momentum to go on and win the game.

We now have two important (I know they're all important) home games starting today with Bolton Wanderers, and after Tuesday's game with Birmingham City we will have a fair idea where we are heading.

Our home form has been good in recent weeks and you have all played a part in that so please keep cheering the team on – they really do appreciate it.

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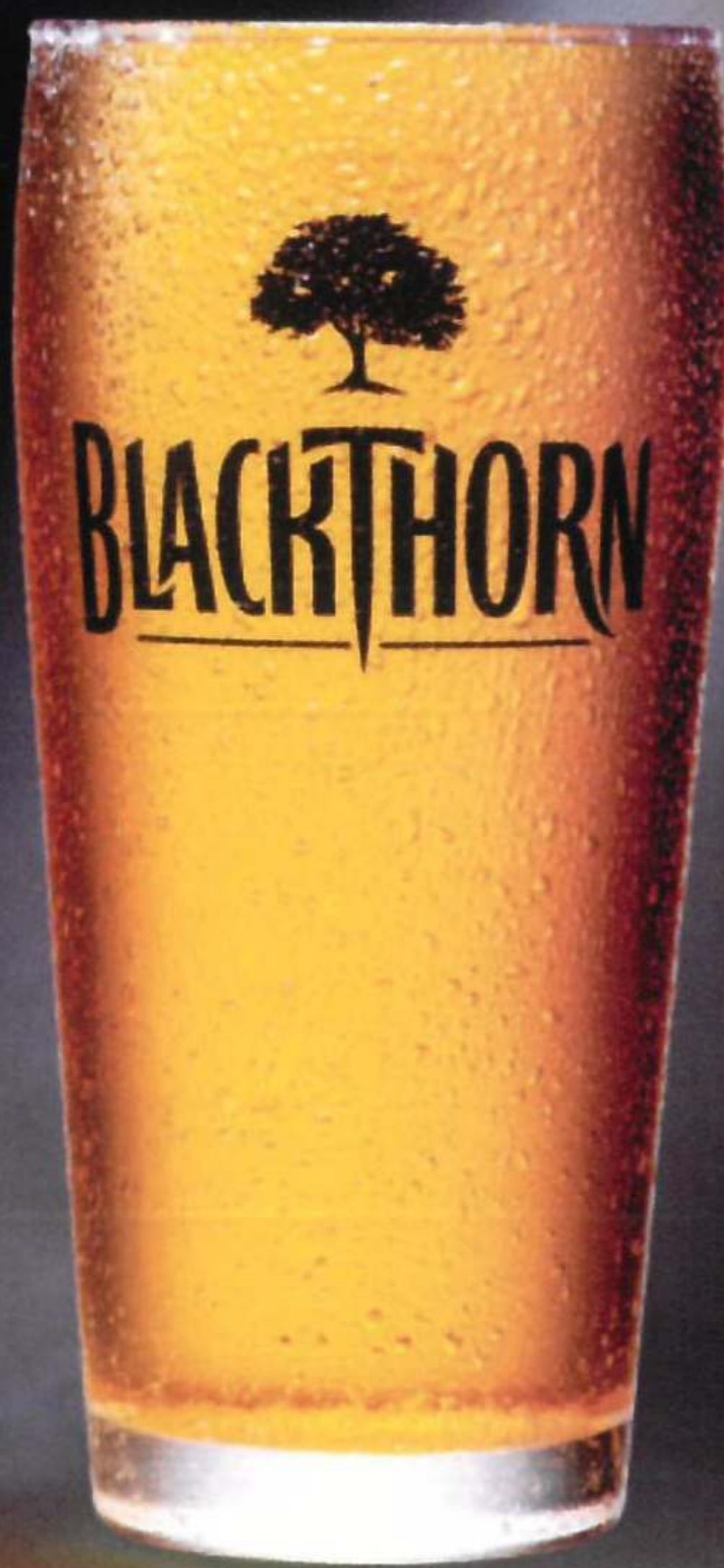


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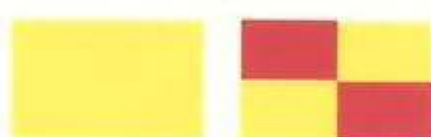
match officials

Referee



MARK HAYWOOD

West Yorkshire official taking charge of his first Ashton Gate fixture since City's 3-2 win over Leicester last season. He has also overseen the Robins' league visits to Ipswich and Blackburn this term.



Assistant Referees

WAYNE BARRATT

ANDY HENDLEY

Fourth official

JOHN LAW

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Match Sponsor



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1	TOM HEATON
2	RICHARD FOSTER
3	MARK WILSON
4	LIAM FONTAINE
5	LEWIN NYATANGA
6	LOUIS CAREY
7	SAM BALDOCK
8	NEIL KILKENNY
9	JON STEAD
10	LIAM KELLY
11	BRIAN HOWARD
12	JAMES WILSON
14	COLE SKUSE
15	STEPHEN PEARSON
16	STEVEN DAVIES
17	GREG CUNNINGHAM
18	RYAN TAYLOR
19	BRENDAN MOLONEY
21	PAUL ANDERSON
22	DEAN GERKEN
24	BOBBY REID
25	MARVIN ELLIOTT
26	JOE BRYAN
27	ALBERT ADOMAH
28	AARON AMADI-HOLLOWAY
29	WES BURNS
32	LEWIS CAREY
39	MATTHEW BATES

HEAD COACH: SEAN O'DRISCOLL



White shirts, dark blue shorts
and white socks

1	ADAM BOGDAN
2	TYRONE MEARS
3	MARCOS ALONSO
4	MATT MILLS
5	TIM REAM
7	CHRIS EAGLES
8	KEITH ANDREWS
9	DAVID NGOG
11	GREGG WYLDE
12	ZAT KNIGHT
14	KEVIN DAVIES
15	CRAIG DAWSON
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MANAGER: DOUGIE FREEDMAN

TUESDAY

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